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Bliss & Williams' Spinning Lathe.

As in all new trades, the manufacturer of stamped ware has heretofore been obliged to largely depend upon himself for tools. The first manufacturers of stamped ware had to build presses and tools. This latter has become a distinct branch of business, and now every tool required may be obtained without the trouble of building for one's self. Until very recently, the spinning lathe was a tool which each shop made for itself, and, though this practice produced convenient tools, yet they were not all that could be desired. The Spinning Lathe, which we illustrate, is made by Messrs. Bliss & Williams, 167 to 173 Plymouth street, Brooklyn, and is intended to supply the want which has been felt for a tool of this sort, and, at the same time to combine all the essential features. It is for burnishing, spinning, wiring and trimming stamped goods as they come from the drawing press. The weight of the lathe is 3000 pounds. Length, 77 inches. It will swing 28 inches over the bed, and 22 inches on the rest. The front bearing of the spindle is 2 1/2 inches in diameter and six inches long. The cones are arranged for four speeds, they are 4-inch face, and respectively of 8, 11, 14 and 17 inches in diameter. The spindles are of cast steel, and the boxes of bronze, which is practically the best bearing that can be made. The speed of the countershaft is about 200 revolutions per minute. The lathe is furnished with a compound slide rest. The dies for the lathes are of cast steel, and we do not remember to have seen prettier pieces of metal under the turning tool. It finishes beautifully, and is of perfectly even grain, and great hardness. This tool fills a great want, and not only supplies the place of the home-made tools, but is much more convenient.

Messrs. Bliss & Williams have been doing a great deal of late toward the introduction abroad of American tools for working sheet metals. A great variety of their tools are used abroad, and are giving satisfaction. Several foreign journals have recently noticed their improvements in box making machinery, and spoken in high terms of its successful action. In seeking a foreign market for their productions, they are setting an example of enterprise which a great many manufacturers of improved American machinery might follow with advantage.

Experimental Researches in Bessemer Work.

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(Continued.)

Some readers, even at this date, will probably be puzzled by the foregoing statements, and suppose that I have contradicted myself; will say that if phosphorus thus gives hardness and tenacity, even to a greater extent than carbon, it must be beneficial, and that it may be used instead of carbon. This was exactly the reasoning that led to the errors I endeavored to refute in the letter to the *Chemical News* above mentioned. The conclusions of Dr. Miller, Dr. Paul, and many others, were based on the tenacity displayed by the ordinary method of testing, by a gradually increasing steady pull, the breaking strain of iron, steel and other substances. If steel only required such hardness and such tenacity, then phosphorus would improve it. Further examination, however, shows that this phosphorus hardness is treacherous; it is accompanied with most deleterious brittleness. Glass is very hard, and will resist a tremendous longitudinal strain gradually applied, but is shattered by a blow or any other sudden vibratory shock. This is just the quality which I found to accompany the hardness conferred on iron by phosphorus. It produces a glassy, rather than a steely, iron, and, in small quantities, is less damaging to soft iron than to hard steel, especially if the soft iron contains sulphur, as phosphorus and carbon both tend to neutralize hot-shortness. Karsten goes so far as to state that up to 0.5 per cent. phosphorus is not damaging to iron, but rather improving. This, however, is an exaggeration.

The trials upon which I based the conclusion that phosphorus is especially deleterious to steel were those made by the drop test, and by hammering or sudden bending. Steel containing phosphorus is more liable to crack, break or crush when thus tested, and if a tool with an acute edge, such as a knife, a carpenter's chisel, &c., is made of such steel, its edge breaks and becomes notched if, in tempering, it is left hard enough even for cutting wood.

The most decisive experiments, however, were not quite so direct and simple as these, and were suggested by the fact that there is a practical limit to the amount of carbon that can be added to Bessemer steel. If this limit is slightly exceeded the steel, when hammered or rolled, cracks at the edges; if it is largely exceeded, an ingot placed as usual under the steam hammer crumbles like sandstone, even at a welding heat. In some samples this occurs at 0.75 per cent.; others will bear 0.90, 1.00, 1.25

per cent., or even more, of carbon without crushing. Why should this be the case with Bessemer steel and not with shear or pot steel? was, of course, a very natural question. As the chief chemical difference between Bessemer steel and the best pot steel is that in the former the sulphur and phosphorus of the pig remains unremoved, while in the latter these are taken out in puddling, or do not exist in the charcoal iron, I naturally replied that it must be one of these, and accordingly made analyses for sulphur and phosphorus in all the Bessemer pigs and spiegelsteins that were used during a long period, and watched the results whenever a hard or highly carburetted blow was made. It soon became evident that the phosphorus was the main cause of this rottenness, for the crushing point of the hard ingots and the cracking points of the ordinary daily bending tests rose with the fall of the phosphorus and fell with its rise, i. e., the greater the amount of phosphorus the less carbon the steel would bear. This was a really important discovery, so much so that Mr. G. Brown requested me to keep it as a trade secret, which I have done during his lifetime, but am now under no further obligation to do so.

tion of different deliveries and brands of pigs, will illustrate this:

CONSTITUENTS.	A	B	C	D	E
Combined carbon	0.62	0.31	0.50	0.37	1.25
Graphitic carbon	4.00	3.80	3.00	1.96	1.65
Silicon	1.40	2.33	2.00	4.08	2.15
Phosphorus	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.15	0.34
Sulphur	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.33	0.41
Manganese	0.38	1.92	trace	1.15	1.10
Iron by difference	93.54	92.63	94.37	92.06	93.40

The deliveries of pigs, A B and C, produced the best steel ever made during the whole time I was at the Atlas Works, and the order of the quality, as estimated by George Brown, was as I have stated them. With "A," a remarkably fine sample of "Cleveland" pig, very porous and abounding with "kies" (i. e., spangles of uncombined graphite), and a selected spiegel, George Brown produced first-class tool steel, equal to pot steel, by charging it with 1.25 to 1.50 per cent. of carbon, which it bore without loss of weldability (pardon the word, on plea of its convenience). The steel from B was not quite as good, and from C slightly inferior to B, but both far above average.

D produced the worst steel that was allowed to pass, and the steel from E was so bad that it

less the proportion of phosphorus in the raw material remains the same.

According to my estimate of the relative hardening powers of phosphorus and carbon, viz., 3 to 1, steel made from pig D, containing 0.39 per cent. of carbon, will have about the same hardness as steel from pig A, containing 0.78 (the phosphorus of the spiegel is here neglected for simplicity of illustration), and therefore determinations of the phosphorus in pigs and spiegels are as necessary as determinations of the carbon in the steel. The importance of such determination becomes still more manifest when the other differences, beside mere hardness, are considered. Although, in the case just supposed, the D steel, with 0.39 per cent. carbon and 0.15 of phosphorus, may have the same hardness as the A steel, with 0.78 carbon and 0.02 phosphorus, it will by no means be of similar quality. It will be much more brittle, liable to fracture by vibratory strain, and less susceptible of that graduation of hardness obtainable by the tempering of true carbon steel.

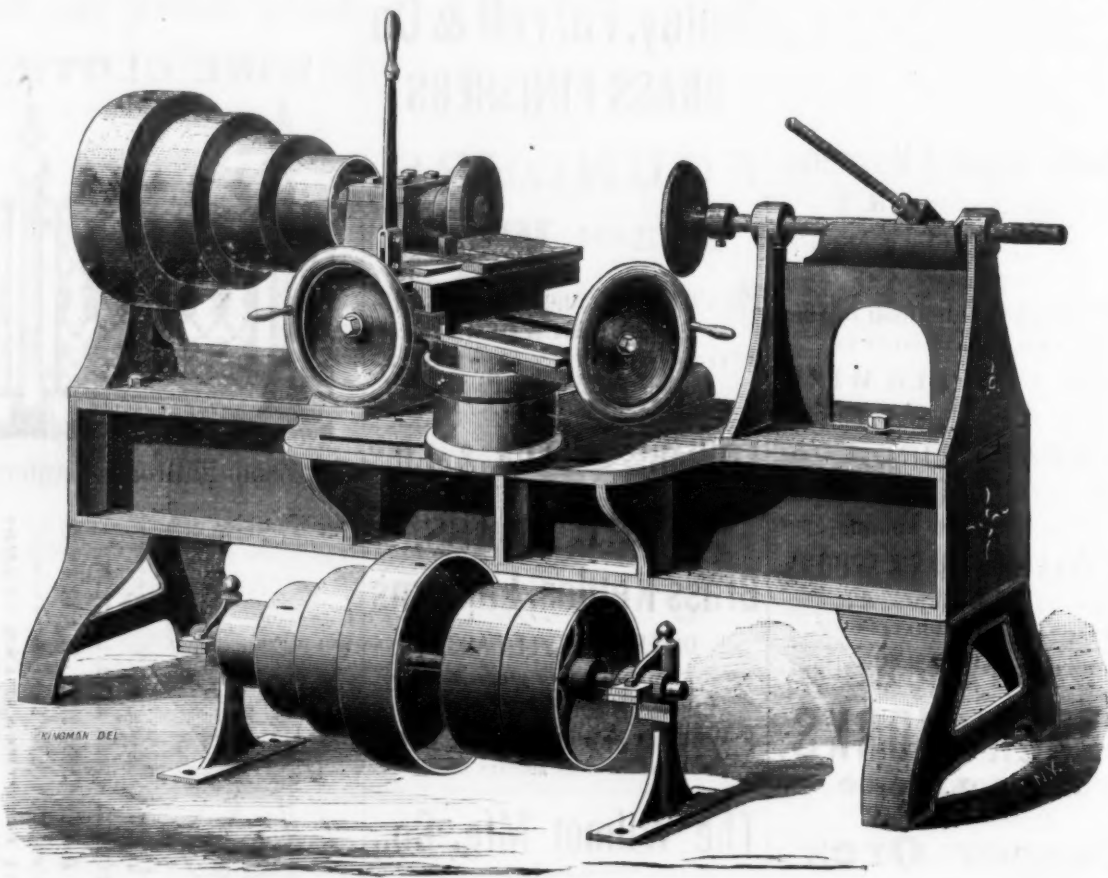
Following up this difference, we arrive at a means of extending the Bessemer process

These are stamped first and tinned afterward. When ordinary sheet iron, although made from the best charcoal iron, is used, it often happens that a portion of the surface is formed of cinder-silicate of iron—that has not been completely squeezed out from the spongy mass of the puddled ball. This resists the tinning, and it has to be filed away, or the work, after much time and labor has been expended in shaping it, is quite spoiled and rejected as a "waster." The surface of the cast Bessemer semi-steel is perfect, and takes the tinning beautifully.

A multitude of other uses, such as steel pens, &c., might be named; but these are sufficient to show that there is still an unoccupied field for manufacturing enterprise in the establishment of a Bessemer work where only the fine quality of steel and steel iron, such as was produced from pigs A, B and C, should be made, and sold at prices corresponding to their quality. In such a manufactory no low priced heavy work should be attempted; and if by mistake a few blows of ordinary Bessemer steel should be produced, the ingots should be sold to ordinary rail makers, so that all the finished material bearing the brand of the works should be of uniform high class quality. A reputation would thus be acquired, and large profits obtainable; but, in order to secure such reliable quality, the whole manufacture must be based on scientific principles, and no stint perpetrated in reference to the analytical examination of all the materials used, and the strict chemical investigation of every failure in respect to the quality of metal produced. Small or moderate sized works, for high quality and high prices, rather than for large quantities, should be the aim. It might be advantageously affiliated with larger works, because there would, with every precaution, always be a liability to make inferior blows—by these I mean Bessemer steel which, though better than is now usually made, and useful for rails, &c., would not be good enough for the guaranteed quality that alone should bear the stamp of these works. There would thus be no absolute loss, even on the failures, and the high prices of the successful product would fairly reward the commercial enterprise and scientific skill demanded.

The Duty on Mica.—In the case of an appeal by the importers from a decision of the Collector at New York, assessing duty at the rate of 30 per cent. ad valorem as enumerated manufactured articles on so-called mica slabs, which importers claim to be exempt from duty under the provision in the free list for mica and mica waste, the department sustains the appeal, an examination showing that the merchandise consists of mica in its crude state, cut into slabs for convenience in transportation, for use in connection with the manufacture of stoves, which cutting, however, it is held, does not in any manner change the commercial character of the mica or constitute it a manufacture, so as to take it from the express provision for mica. It is also understood that no other form of mica is imported. An appeal of importers from a decision of the Collector at Cincinnati, assessing duty at the rate of 40 per cent. ad valorem on certain gold foil imported from Hong Kong, which the importers claim to be dutiable at the rate of \$1.50 per package of 500 leaves as gold leaf, is rejected, an examination showing the article is not the gold leaf of commerce, but is gold foil, which is bought and sold by weight and used principally by dentists.

From an investigation of the combinations of the various metalloids with iron and manganese, MM. Troost and Hautefeuille draw the following conclusions as to the part played by manganese in iron making. The manganese employed in treating impure irons combines with the foreign matters, and it is these combinations, either dissolved or disseminated through the bath, which render its purification the more easy by communicating to the elements to be eliminated the oxidability suitable to the corresponding compounds of manganese. This is often the case, but the manganese also plays a simpler part, and one more easy to determine. The addition of ferro-manganese, a compound which is always rich in carbon, restores to the metal the carbon which it should contain, and reduces the oxide of iron, with disengagement of heat, both by its carbon and by its manganese. The oxide of manganese formed in and disseminated through the metal does not present the same inconvenience as the oxide of iron, for it passes almost immediately into the slag, taking with it other impurities. Thus, whether the manganese exist in the metal before its purification, or whether it be added after a prolonged refining, the important part which it plays in the metallurgy of iron is due: (1.) To the formation of compounds which are produced with a disengagement of heat greater than that due to the corresponding compounds of iron; and (2.) to the easy scintillation of these compounds, for they possess the property of oxidizing while disengaging more heat than those which contain the same proportion of iron, especially when these compounds occur, as is often the case in metallurgy, in the presence of a considerable excess of metal.



BLISS & WILLIAMS' SPINNING LATHE.

A statement of all the details of these experiments would be rather tedious, but a general summary may be interesting.

The average crushing point of the Bessemer steel produced in the ordinary course of working was at about 0.90 per cent. carbon. The average composition of the Bessemer pigs and spiegelsteins used from July, 1868, to May, 1869, was as follows:

	Pigs.	Spiegel.
Combined carbon	0.469	3.866
Graphitic carbon	2.719	0.474
Silicon	2.830	0.772
Phosphorus	0.062	0.036
Sulphur	0.126	0.148
Manganese	0.879	6.761
Iron, by difference	92.992	87.903

Total.....100.000 100.000

The range of phosphorus in the pigs during this period (with the exception of one delivery, of which I shall speak presently) was from 0.02 to 0.15 and in the spiegelsteins from 0.03 to 0.12. As the pig iron constitutes nine-tenths of the charge, and is the most variable, this, of course, was chiefly watched. The quality of steel varied during this time and with these materials. There were two classes of variation—one that happened in a particular blow of inferior quality as an individual variation among a series; this class was generally referable to silicon and bad work, as above described; the other class of variations occurred in series, i. e., the steel generally, during a certain period, was better or worse than average, and this period corresponded with the use of a delivery of pig of certain brand and quality. It was with these that I was now concerned, and I compared these variations of quality respectively with the variations of silicon, sulphur, manganese and phosphorus, and found that they fitted neither of the first three, but came as nearly in accord with the variations of phosphorus as the limits of error due to commercial analysis, mechanical testing, and possible variations of individual casts from the same blast furnace demanded.

The following five cases, showing composi-

was condemned, and all the pigs returned to their vendor. This sample of steel was rotten, with only 0.50 per cent. of carbon.

The degree of superiority of A to B, with equal proportions of phosphorus, is explained by the abundance of carbon in the former. This is an important element in the excellence of Bessemer pigs. The lower proportion of sulphur is also advantageous, though not of the predominant importance that was formerly supposed. This is indicated in E, where the sulphur, although excessive, is less than in D. The usual statement that the Bessemer process does not remove any sulphur and phosphorus is not strictly correct. When the carbon is abundant, and the blow is consequently vigorous and prolonged, a small reduction of both of these (more of sulphur than of phosphorus) does occur.

George Brown assured me that, with good management, he could work with silicon as a substitute for carbon, and that an abundance of silicon is advantageous both for increasing the energy of combustion and the amount of cinder, but that to work with such iron the highest degree of skill is demanded, the blow must be carried on to the last moment, and the converter turned over only just before its contents begin to solidify. This is attended with some risk. I have had no opportunity of verifying this, myself, but have firm reliance in the accuracy and candor of Mr. Brown.

The practical applications of the above chemical generalizations may be made to contribute materially to the success of Bessemer work. I will first state their bearings upon the most common applications of Bessemer steel—rails and tires. Correct adjustment and uniformity of hardness is a primary desideratum; the rails should be as nearly as possible alike, and the tires a little harder than the rails. It is obvious, from what I have stated, that the most skillful and scrupulous regulation of the carbon element will fail to afford the required uniformity un-

to many other purposes than those to which it is commonly applied. All that is required for the manufacture of the best tool steel by the Bessemer process is to obtain pig iron equal to A or B, and spiegelsteins of corresponding quality. It is not impossible to obtain this, but there is some difficulty in so doing, a difficulty which 30 per cent. added to ordinary prices of Bessemer pig would doubtless overcome. This tool steel, of course, would demand the high percentage of carbon common to pot steel, which could easily be added, and with more certainty and uniformity than by the melting up of blistered steel.

But this is not all. There is a vast field open for the application of mild or semi-steel of reliable toughness and homogeneity. Bessemer steel iron practically free from phosphorus, and containing the lowest obtainable quantity of carbon, from 0.30 to 0.25 per cent., is invaluable for boiler plates. Its tenacity is nearly double that of iron, and therefore it need be made of but little more than half the thickness of iron plates. These Bessemer plates, being rolled directly from cast ingots, are free from lamination, blisters and other irregularities of piled plates, and, by virtue of their carbon, can better resist the action of the fire. Girders and other elements of structure might be safely made of this semi-steel. We hear of many projects to build steel bridges. With this material the advantages of greater tenacity than iron, without the danger of brittleness, would be attainable.

Another application of such material may be mentioned. I had some sheets rolled from ingots containing 0.25 per cent. carbon, and made from the same brand as A. These were sent to Messrs. Griffiths & Browett, of Birmingham, who stamped them into vases and cylindrical cups. They were beaten and spun from a flat circular blank of the sheet metal. The object of the experiment was to ascertain whether a homogeneous cast metal could be used for the manufacture of tin plate wares of superior quality.

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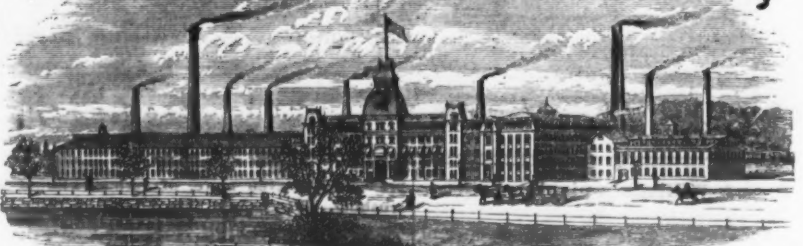
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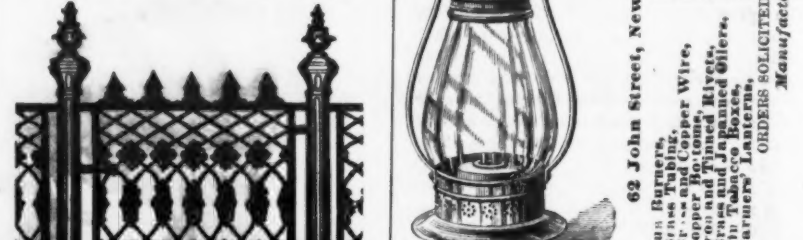
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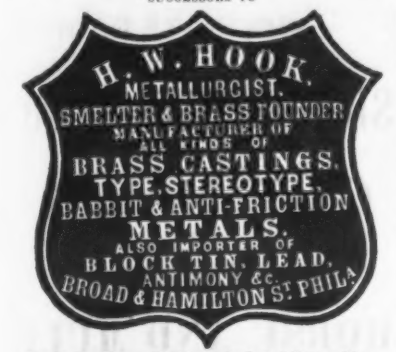
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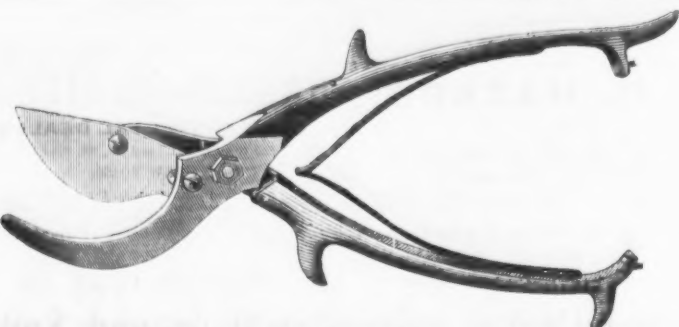
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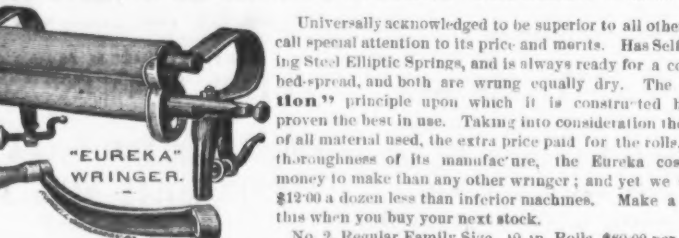


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The Russian stove is a large, clumsy, oblong mass that rises nearly to the ceiling of the room, to which it is a disfigurement rather than a decoration. This drawback has lately been noticed by Russian builders, and in some of the modern houses a kind of compromise has been effected between the Russian stove and the English fire-place, which, as regards cheerfulness, is certainly an improvement. English fire-places, with marble chimney pieces and fire irons, etc., are occasionally imported, but the duty and expenses are too high to make them a regular article of traffic. The Russian stove, as at present constructed, of white glazed tiles, is, doubtless, of Dutch origin, as the shape and size of the tiles is that which prevailed in Holland about two centuries ago; they are clumsy in appearance, heavy, and quite unsuitable for any kind of ornamental work. At the exhibition some of these tiles were shown: White, at from 7 copecs (2 1/2 d.) to 15 copecs (5 d.) each; and of a red color, 3 copecs (1 d.) to 6 copecs (2 d.) each. There is this peculiarity to be noticed in the glazed tiles manufactured in Russia—after being a short time in use the enamel invariably cracks all over, presenting a very unsightly appearance. There is another kind of Russian stove which is fast superseding the one just mentioned. It is of a cylindrical form, and is constructed of red brick, covered with sheet iron. It is cheaper than those constructed of glazed tiles, but does not retain the heat so well; and its gloomy appearance, and when the dark green color, with which it is generally painted, has been burnt and blistered tends considerably to mar the general appearance of the department in which it is erected.

The cooking stove used in the capitals has now almost entirely superseded the old-fashioned Russian pech. The former is fashioned somewhat like the English kitcheners, but they have this advantage that they can be approached from three sides; it consists of a thick iron plate set in brick and glazed tiles, with baking oven. Taking it altogether it is a clumsy contrivance, and takes up a great deal of room. It is used for boiling, frying and baking; appliances for roasting are not known except in a few of the elaborate kitchens of rich Russian gourmets. The pech is very much like a baker's oven, the whole arrangement being very primitive, beside consuming an inordinate quantity of fuel.

In the heating of a Russian stove, pine, fir, and birch wood are principally used; and it should be remarked that the embers play a most important part, for it is from the embers, not from the flame, that the stove is expected to derive its heat. So long as the wood continues in a blaze, whatever quantity may have been put in, the stove never gets thoroughly warm; it is only when by means of the "viewshka," a sort of double flue plate, that the passage from the stove into the chimney has been hermetically closed that the heat begins to be sensibly felt in the room. The Russian stove heaters are extremely dexterous in all the details of their occupation. Tongs and shovels are unknown to them. Their only instrument is the "kocherga," a long iron poker, with a hook at the end of it. With this they keep up stirring the fiery mass, break up the embers, and pull forward the fragments of wood that are still burning, in order, by exposing them to a current of air, to accelerate their conversion. In every great house there is at least one servant whose exclusive duty is to look after the stoves, and he collects and prepares the requisite fuel. In general he builds up a pile of logs within each stove the evening before, that the wood may be well dried, and then he sets fire to it early the next morning, using for that purpose the tarry rind of the birch. If the "viewshka," or damper, be closed before the wood be completely burnt into embers, carbonic acid gas and carbonic oxide are emitted by the coals, and fatal consequences may ensue to those who are exposed to its influence; the blue flame hovering over the bright embers is therefore carefully watched, and not until it entirely disappears is it considered safe to close up the stove. Accidents do occasionally happen, and it is nothing uncommon in Russia to hear of people who have been suffocated by the fumes of their stoves; but when the immense number of these stoves is taken into consideration, and that every floor and every part of the house has to be heated at least six months in the year, it must be admitted that accidents occur but rarely, and that an admirable degree of care is displayed in thus always selecting the proper moment for closing the damper.

The attention of Russian specialists has lately been directed toward the discovery of means of effecting economy in fuel, which is an important and expensive item in every Russian household, the reckless manner in which woods have been destroyed causing no little anxiety concerning the future supply. When we consider that the winter lasts 6 months, and that, at St. Petersburg, where the climate, although somewhat modified on account of the proximity to the sea, the thermometer, in winter, often points to 55° Fahr., the imperative necessity for an improved state of things in this department is self-evident. At the Exhibition was shown a stove built, or rather cased in glazed tiles, with air-tight doors, adapted for burning coals, instead of wood,—a decided improvement. The price was 115 r. s. (£14. 7/6). Other stoves of the same kind were exhibited by a maker from Finland, for burning wood, at from 32 r. s. to 92 r. s. (£4 to £11. 10/6) each. Iron stoves, of various other constructions, were also shown; but it would appear that in no instance was it demonstrated that the main object had been attained—the economy of fuel. There were steam-heating apparatus, hot water apparatus, priced respectively 80 r. s. and 75 r. s. (£10 and £9. 7/6); iron stoves, plain and ornamental, from 50 r. s. to 275 r. s. (£7. 10/ to £37); air-tight doors, iron, per pair, from 10

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Ventilation, the essential condition of sanitary economy of buildings, has ever been neglected in Russia, and it is only lately that efforts are being made toward providing for this desideratum. It should be observed that the houses in Russia, as early as October, may be said to go into winter quarters. Double windows are affixed to every room; every aperture through which a little air might find its way is carefully caulked with tow and then filled up with putty, or pasted over with slips of paper. Here and there a window is so constructed that a single pane may now and then be opened to let in a little air. In this close and confined atmosphere the family live and have their being till the returning May ushers in the warm weather, and give the signal that fresh air may again be permitted to circulate through the interior of the house. The Russians have a saying—"Par kostay ni lomit"—literally, "Steam does not break bones," meaning that heat can not be injurious. This conviction is perhaps the reason why a temperature of 15° Reaumur (33° Fahr.) in the bedroom is in no way considered excessive or injurious. There can be little doubt that the lassitude and prostration often experienced during a Russian winter, notwithstanding the invigorating effect of out-door drives or walking exercise in sharp frosts, is attributable in no small degree to the excessive heat of the rooms and the insufficient ventilation. Here there is a wide field open for our countrymen. An invention that could combine economy of fuel with efficiency as to heating would be sure to meet with an enormous patronage all over the empire.

Like all large cities of Europe, the capital of Russia has introduced gas for lighting purposes. Three ineffectual attempts were made to light St. Petersburg with gas before the establishment of the present two companies. The first was during the reign of Alexander I., when, just as all arrangements were complete, the buildings caught fire, and the plan was abandoned for some years. The second attempt was made after the accession of the late Emperor Nicholas. The high and ungainly building intended for the gas holder was injudiciously placed near the Winter Palace, and formed so prominent a deformity that the Emperor was kind, in 1838, to buy up the whole of the premises belonging to the company, for the purpose of pulling them down. The company then went to work again, and in the autumn of 1839, when people were beginning to look forward to light streets in winter, the whole illumination was opened and closed on the same day by a frightful explosion, by which the gas holder was destroyed, a number of people were killed, and the money of the shareholders was lost. Shortly afterward, gas works were erected in the suburbs by an English firm, which was a complete success, and has continued so up to the present time. It is only recently that another company of the same kind has been formed; the work was also executed by an English firm. The coal is imported from England, and the price of gas per 1000 about 10 1/2. It must be admitted that the streets of St. Petersburg, where gas has been introduced, are better lighted than they are in London; the number of lamps is greater in a given distance; the burners and quality of the gas is better; the lamp posts, also, better finished, and certainly ornamental when compared with the regulation pattern used in London. Gas does not find its way so readily inside the houses; it is confined entirely to the yards, staircases, etc., except in public establishments, shops, hotels, etc., where the fittings are always of the roughest description. Glass globes are never seen on the chandeliers. A short time ago an English company was formed in London—the Moscow Gas Company—who undertook the construction of works in that city. More than 40,000 lamps have already been erected. All the large factories and works in the neighborhood of St. Petersburg have their own gas works, and they have been introduced in the interior establishments of the same kind, as well as on manorial estates. England supplies nearly all the work.

Iron, as applied in this country for various architectural purposes, such as girders, house railings, large bridges, etc., is but very little used in the capital, and, consequently, in all other towns, as an exception, may be taken the railings of squares and gardens. At the Exhibition there was only one girder exhibited by a government establishment. The north side of the summer gardens of St. Petersburg is celebrated for its iron railings with the fanciful garlands and arabesques, which, people say, an Englishman once traveled all the way from London to see, and make a sketch of, and then returned, satisfied with his journey, not deigning to cast an eye upon any other monuments of the city. However, it is a very elaborate specimen of iron founding, and scarcely to be equalled anywhere.

In a sanitary point of view, St. Petersburg, and, in fact, all Russian towns are in a deplorable condition. Drainage is unknown in the capital, except in the immediate vicinity of the river, which is a serious matter for a town containing something like 500,000 inhabitants, and which is proved by the chronic prevalence of Asiatic cholera. The houses, as a rule, are veritable whitened sepulchres; the effluvia from the latrines and dust holes is horrible. The general and special smells of St. Petersburg in the spring and summer are hardly to be matched in any part of Europe. It is only on the recent outbreak of cholera that stringent measures have been taken with a view to mitigate the evil to some extent by imposing fines upon the landlords. But all this is useless; and until a proper system of drainage is introduced matters are likely to remain much in the same condition.

Some few years ago water works were established. Until then all the water had to be carried in huge casks from the canals and river. It would appear, however, that comparatively few have availed themselves of the luxury of Neva water brought into the houses, the supply being confined chiefly to the streets, where several public fountains have been erected, from which the houses in the vicinity are supplied.

With the extension of the system of railways the towns of the interior are beginning to wake up also. Finding a necessity for a constant and uninterrupted supply of water, they have introduced water works, for instance, in the towns of Vladimir, Saratof, Kharkof, Nijni and Novgorod. The construction of these establishments in Russia affords many facilities, on account of the numerous rivers, and at the same time great difficulties, owing to the action of the frost upon the pipes if not sunk sufficiently deep. The important town of Odessa is only now beginning to adopt the present system of water supplying. Situated in a locality where there are neither springs nor rivers, it has until now depended entirely upon well, rain water and a brackish water supplied from an aqueduct yielding about 300,000 gallons daily.

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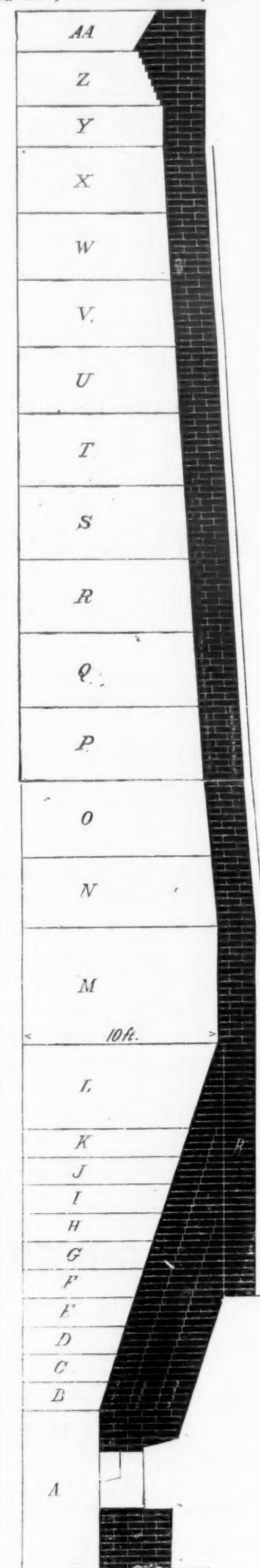
We wonder whether this "scientific gent" would not think it would be a good plan to do the same thing in the case of gun powder. When we wished to blast a rock or fire a gun, pour into the hole a little charcoal, with the proper proportions of niter and sulphur, and so form the gun powder when we wanted it. Evidently the man had got a vague idea of what is actually the case. The transportation and handling of nitro-glycerine is by no means such a wide source of danger as he supposes. In most places where it is to be used in any considerable quantity works are established, and the nitro-glycerine manufactured in the immediate vicinity of the place where it is to be used, so that wholesale transportation is not necessary. But the idea that every man who wants a little nitro-glycerine is to buy the glycerine and acids and prepare it by simple mixing is very funny, almost as funny, in fact, as the following story from the Virginia (Nevada) Enterprise, of Jan. 12: "Yesterday morning, at the blacksmith shop of the Vivian mine, west of Silver City, a singular and startling explosion occurred, by which two men were severely injured. It appears that a bucket of water was being thawed out at the fire on the forge. There were four men in the shop, and while one of them was in the act of lifting the bucket off the fire it exploded with great violence. The bucket was torn to shreds, and Samuel Tangle, blacksmith, and George F. Oxtan, miner, were struck and wounded by the flying pieces—the bucket being made of sheet iron. The two men were cut in several places, but their principal wounds are about the legs, the direction of most of the flying pieces of iron being downward. The explanation of this curious explosion undoubtedly is that a giant powder cartridge had been thawed out in the bucket and that its sides, and probably the surface of the water, were coated with a scum of oily matter (nitro-glycerine) boiled out of the cartridge."

We might have expected it. If a bucket of cold water, a lump of iron, a snowball, or any other highly explosive substance goes off knocking into numerous pieces the too confiding spectators, the story can generally be traced to the highly imaginative Enterprise of Virginia City. We presume they are explosions of the imagination. If a bunch of fire-crackers, a box of torpedoes, a can of powder, or a box of parlor matches, explodes or burns in a hurry, we are startled forthwith by a long account of a nitro-glycerine explosion, with harrowing details, and all the horror known to sensational literature of the day.

The following method of tinning various metals in the humid way is given by Wegler: A solution of perchloride of tin is first prepared by passing washed chlorine gas into concentrated aqueous solution of tin salt, and expelling the excess of chlorine by gently warming it, then diluting it with eight to ten times its volume of water, and filtering it, if necessary. The article, well pickled in dilute sulphuric acid, and polished with sand and a steel scratch brush, and rinsed with water, is loosely wound with a zinc wire, and immersed for ten or fifteen minutes, at the ordinary temperature, in the dilute solution of perchloride of tin. When tinned in this way, it is raised, brushed with a scratch brush, dried and finally polished with whiting. This applies to tinning cast iron, wrought iron, steel, copper, brass, lead and zinc.

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We give in the accompanying illustration half of a vertical section of the Lucy Furnace, at Pittsburgh, showing accurately the lines, and, in the smaller cut, a top view of two courses of brick, showing the method of breaking the joints. This also represents very

**HALF SECTION OF THE LUCY FURNACE, PITTSBURGH.**

nearly the lines of Isabella No. 1, now in blast, the only difference being in the bushes, which are 18 feet, and in the part immediately above the bushes. It will be noticed that the section

**METHOD OF BREAKING JOINTS IN THE COURSES OF FIRE BRICK.**

marked M is straight in the Lucy, forming in the furnace a complete cylinder 20 feet in diameter. In the Isabella the line from the bush to the tunnel head is unknown.

The first lining used by these two furnaces, as well as Isabella No. 3 and Soho, was made

24 inches in thickness, of two lengths of brick. The cut marked N 1, N 2, N 3 and N 4 gives a top view of two courses of these bricks. The first course being made with a 16 inch and an 8 inch brick—together forming the 24 inch lining. In the next course the joints are broken by using an 8 inch brick inside and a 16 inch brick outside. This plan has been found to work well, but it is evident it would do better on a 30 inch lining, when the brick could be made in 18 inch and 12 inch lengths, and thus obviate the necessity of using anything so small as an 8 inch brick. But, we believe, the true idea is to make the whole lining in one length of brick, provided that as perfect brick could be made this size as the smaller sizes. It has heretofore been considered impracticable to make even a 24 inch lining brick in one length to bed accurately and with the radial joints true, the amount of breakage and labor in making being, proportionately, so much greater than in the small tile. Messrs. Harrison & Walker, however, seem to have demonstrated that a 30 inch lining brick can be made at a reasonable cost, and one that will work as accurately as a smaller brick. The great advantage in a lining of this thickness, all in one brick, will be evident to the most casual observer. In the lining first referred to, should one of the 8 inch brick from any cause whatsoever get worked out of place (and being so small, could easily be dislodged if the masonry was in any way defective), the result would be that in a short time, by the gravity of the materials inside the furnace, the 16 inch brick next above would be broken off, having lost 8 inches of its support; then would follow the 8 inch brick, and vice versa, until the top is reached. Thus 8 inches of the lining could in a very short time be lost on one whole side of the furnace, from one defective brick. Such a disaster would be effectually avoided by using one long brick. Another great objection to so long a brick as 30 inches has been the difficulty in getting them thoroughly and uniformly burned. This seems to have been overcome effectually, the samples we have seen being burned so hard from end to end that a cold chisel is necessary to cut them. They are almost as hard as cast iron, and at the same time highly refractory. An inspection of the 30 inch brick now being delivered to Isabella Furnace Company, for No. 2, seems to show this.

The New Water Works of Bristol, R. I.

The Bristol Phoenix says: The new apparatus, for furnishing water in the compact part of this town, in case of fire, is now nearly completed. A trial of the pump, pipes, coil, boiler, etc., was made on Saturday last, and gave great satisfaction to all interested. We have now nearly 10,000 feet of iron water pipe, laid through the streets in such directions as to enable the fire department to reach almost any building—with hose attached to hydrants—in the thickly settled part of the town in case of fire. Over 4000 feet of this iron pipe has been put down during the last fall and present winter. Twenty new non-freezing hydrants have also been recently added.

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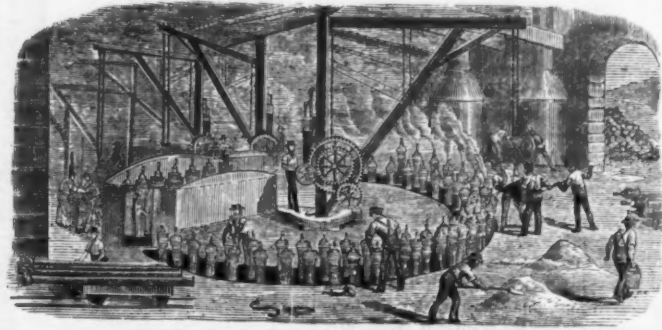
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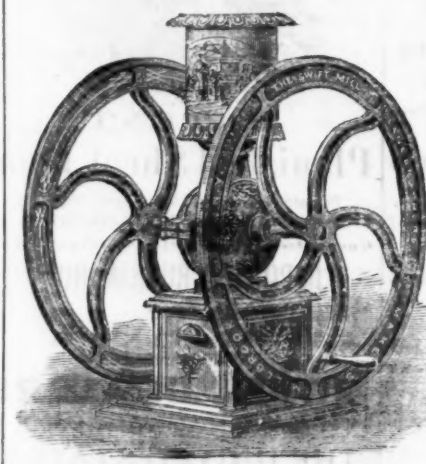
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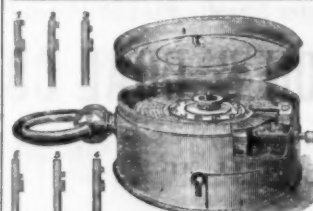
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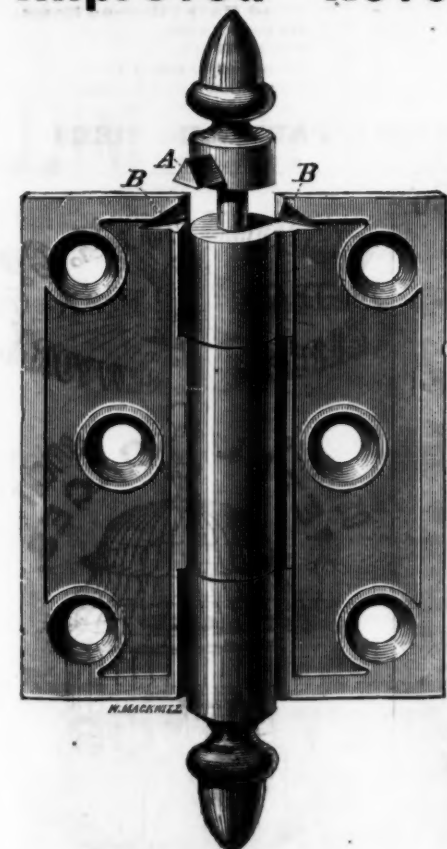
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Captain S. P. Griffin, in *Van Nostrand's Magazine* for March, has an article on this subject which is worth the careful consideration of all interested in ocean steamers. He says:

Seamen believe that the perils of ocean navigation can be very much lessened by correcting some of the evils which are well known to them. Fatal disasters to large passenger steamships are, in many instances, attributed to causes well understood beforehand, and known to have their origin in the continuance of a certain custom on board vessels, and in the unfitness of certain aids to navigation. From among the questions relating to the sea that demand attention, I will select two for discussion in this paper; the first one is the danger arising from "Watch and Watch."

From the earliest times to the present, in the internal economy of vessels, both large and small of all nations, in every sea, it has been, and still is the custom, to divide the crew into two watches, working what we designate "watch and watch," that is to say, four hours on and four hours off duty alternately. This plan of work in the days gone by, when vessels were comparatively few and small, and when time was of less value than it is now, apparently did not obstruct or interfere with the prosperity or the growth of commerce, or the successful navigation of the ocean, but, however well it has subserved a useful purpose in the past, it certainly requires to be changed so far as it is applicable in the present to the mates of ocean going steamships. The exigencies arising from the immense fleets, at all times, in every sea, sailing and steaming in every direction, upon all points of the compass, and the wonderful increase in the size and speed of first-class passenger steamships, render it absolutely necessary that, with a proper regard for life and property, the deck at all times must be in charge of a man of well ascertained mental and physical abilities. Yet, it is a fact very well known to the initiated, that the custom of "watch and watch," will at times so impair a man's faculties, when thorough efficiency may be most urgently required, as to render him wholly unfit to discharge his important duties; within the experience, and subject to the observation of every one who goes to sea, is the significant reality that a man can not day after day, night after night, in good weather and in bad weather, preserve himself in a condition that qualifies him for every emergency, that inevitably sooner or later, at a critical time, he will be found wanting, and the most serious consequences may become involved in his temporary deficiency, even unto the total loss of the steamship with all on board; hence it is that those ashore hear of the most unaccountable shipwrecks; hence it is that sweet water critics can see the error of judgment, can detect the mistake in navigation, which was the immediate cause of an appalling disaster.

I will describe the duties of a mate at sea, a mate who is entrusted with a watch, he who has charge of the deck of a steamship, freighted with 2000 tons of cargo and a thousand human lives; the steamship runs at a speed of 14 knots an hour across a crowded sea, upon a dangerous coast, in sunshine or in darkness, in rain or in fog; it is all the same, on she goes with life or death awaiting her, depending to a considerable extent upon the skill, courage and self-possession of this man. His station is upon the forward bridge, within easy call to the man at the wheel, close to the standard compass, and to an engine bell pull. He must not on any account leave it, unless he is regularly relieved. He must keep on his feet, in constant motion, to see that the ship is on her assigned course, that proper sail is carried, that the yards are trimmed, that order is maintained about decks, that the rules concerning lights and fires are obeyed; he must keep a bright look-out ahead and all around, he must listen for unusual sounds, he must be ready to detect unusual smells, he must be unceasing in his vigilance during the period of his watch. A ter he is relieved at the termination of his watch, he must write in the deck-log the remarks that he thinks are necessary to keep up the narrative of the voyage, he must see that the proper entries are made of barometric and thermometric indications, of the direction and force of the wind, the character of the weather, of the sea and the speed of the ship, he communicates with his relief, and he goes below. This is an outline of the duties when off watch, or in his "watch below," as it is called: He has to take and work out observations for latitude, for longitude, for variation and deviation, and every day, soon after meridian, he must send in to the captain a carefully prepared report of his "day's work," he must attend quarters for fire and boat exercises, he must be always ready to respond to any sudden call for all hands, he must by his example and his teaching help to inspire confidence, and to maintain discipline.

Let us now enter into a brief examination of the effect of this custom of "watch and watch" in its application to mates of steamships. Let us endeavor to understand its operation for good or for evil, as it now prevails upon hundreds of them on duty in every sea. Let us learn if there are not dangers of the deep that are probably never thought of, or even known to exist by those who own the steamships, or by the thousands of passengers who go from port to port in them.

Of the twenty-four hours that compose a day, the mate who stands his "watch and watch," spends twelve of them upon the bridge in charge of the deck. In being called ten minutes before the termination of a watch, so as to be ready to relieve when the bell strikes, and in occupations after it one and a half hours are consumed; at his meals, smoking, and another thing or two, three hours; in observa-

tions, day's work, reports, exercises, and what not, one and a half hours more, making in all eighteen hours, thus leaving him only six hours for sleep, to be picked up at intervals between the watches, as best he can, subject to innumerable disturbing influences. Is this amount of rest, and the way of getting it, enough for a working man anywhere? Is it enough for a man who is exposed to the severe trials of a hard winter in our wild North Atlantic? Do we not see from this that it is beyond the power of human endurance to keep up under it? May we not here begin to find an explanation for some occurrences which in their mysteries have hitherto baffled investigation? I assure you that the custom of "watch and watch," the custom that compels a man to undertake more than he is capable of doing, is the ultimate cause of many of the heart-rending disasters which have come to us from the sea.

I will present an every day case to you—it will be at once recognized by any person who is familiar with the "way things are done aboard ship." It may be in a prolonged gale of wind, in winter, cold, black and gloomy, spray flying everywhere, and freezing where it falls, the decks are slipping with ice, and dangerous from the violent motion of the ship; or it may rain incessantly, or it may be an impenetrable fog. The mate who takes charge of the deck at Meridian, is relieved at 4 p. m., and soon afterward he goes below; he gets his supper, enjoys his smoke, and at 6 p. m. again takes charge of the deck for the second dog-watch, which terminates at 8 p. m. As soon as he is relieved he writes up the deck-log, then hurries below, shakes off his dunnage, and by one bell—half past eight—he is turned in and asleep. At ten minutes before midnight he is called for the mid-watch, from 12 to 4 a. m. He has had less than three and a half hours sleep; he went below in wet clothes, he comes on deck in wet clothes, aching and weary from past exertions and insufficient rest. He takes charge, he receives the orders, a statement of the condition of things; he inspects the compass, speaks to the man at the wheel, hails the look-out, cautions the "watch" to stand-by, he shakes himself for warmth, and commences to walk the bridge; he exerts himself to be faithful to his trust, to discharge his responsible duties to the best of his abilities, but, before the termination of his four hours, the time begins to drag wearily along, and at last he becomes conscious of his weakening faculties, aware of the danger that will attend his neglect, and of the accountability to which he will be held, he makes a struggle with himself, and barely succeeds in keeping himself awake; those who keep "watch and watch," in charge of the decks of steamships know all of this well enough; those who have not had the experience, and who doubt the accuracy of the statement, can easily find proof of it, if, in the next passage they are going, they will faithfully stand the watches.

Thus far I have spoken of the mate who has "eight hours in," who goes below after 4 a. m. and turns out again before seven bells—half past seven. Then how much more trying will be the case of the mate who has "eight hours out," he who keeps the watch from 8 p. m. to midnight, and again the watch from 4 a. m. to 8 a. m. Is it not utterly impossible for him to look to windward in a northeast snow storm eight hours of a night? Is it not beyond human endurance to remain in a freezing atmosphere, exposed to the fury of wind and sleet, for that length of time, holding on like grim death against the heavy laboring of the ship and not impair the powers of mind and body, the whole strength of which may be on the instant necessary for the safety of the ship? Most persons who travel by sea, if they trouble themselves to think at all about such things, believe that men are able to do it, that they get hardened to that sort of thing, you know, until at last they do not care the least bit about it. The timid, as they lie stowed away in soft blankets in the warm bunks of the after cabin, would shudder at the frequent narrow risks they run if they did but know of them; they would be overcome with horror at the thought that in the dark and fearful night a weary worn-out mate is straining his imperfect vision to make the dim outline of the rock bound shore, upon which the ship is madly rushing; and he cannot see it, nor can he see the approaching sail, nor the warning rays of a light, nor hear the indistinct roar of breakers, nor the feeble tones of a bell, nor catch the presence of unusual elements on board nearly so well as when he is in good condition.

A mate does not complain about the dangerous effects produced upon him by the custom of "watch and watch;" he does not confess his absolute physical inability to thoroughly fulfill all of the requirements of his position, for the alternative as the economy of the ship is managed, and of which he has the greatest dread, is to discharge him with a black mark against his name, and to ship another in his place who will not growl and grumble at his ordinary work. Therefore he keeps his troubles to himself, the evils continue unabated, and it happens at last, that a steamship with her freight of life and riches runs swiftly on to meet a terrible fate without a single timely effort having been made to preserve her.

Hence it may be safely declared that risks of collision, of stranding, of fire, in short all risks pertaining to the sea will be very much lessened if the decks of vessels are always left in charge of intelligent men refreshed by sufficient sleep in comfortable quarters, instead of others completely exhausted by excess of work and prolonged exposure. I conscientiously believe that many of the disasters to ocean going vessels are due to the dangers that I have tried to explain, and to others well known to seamen and

such as are within the control of man's capacity as a reformer.

Another word or two upon the dangers arising from the custom of "watch and watch" at sea. It is not only in dark or foggy weather that accidents occur, it is not only in long continued winter gales that ships are lost; but with the moon and stars shining out in all of their glory, in a beautifully transparent atmosphere, in warm tropical nights, in unruffled water, in a dead calm, vessels run into each other, and others run squarely ashore. The drowsy mate could not see, or seeing could not comprehend, or did not act in time to avert an impending calamity. Instances of this kind are by no means uncommon, and I could easily relate a number of them perfectly well authenticated, but in doing so I might make invidious distinctions, and direct censure where, as we have seen, there may be mitigating circumstances in the case. But proofs may be found in the marine columns of the daily newspapers by those who know what meaning to put upon the reports.

The reform that is necessary to correct the evils spoken of—the change in a long established custom of the sea, that will oftentimes save ships from destruction, is not in itself a very great one, it is inexpensive, and it can be made at once without any derangement of good order and discipline—it is this: Put mates of ocean going steamships in three watches, instead of keeping them in two, give them four hours on and eight hours off watch.

As steamships are manned now, this change can be made without any increase to the complement allowed to them, therefore there will not be any expense attending it.

Let us inquire into the operation of the three watches rule, and see how it affects the mates. He who takes the watch from m. to 4 p. m. has time for his supper, a smoke and a snooze, before he is called for the first watch. At 8 p. m. he is again on the bridge, where he remains until midnight, he then goes below until 8 a. m., then, once more, he takes charge for the forenoon watch, under this rule he has eight hours in every night, he has time to take proper care of himself, to dry his clothes, to keep his room in order, to be accurate in his day's work, and, far above all else, he is strong in body, clear headed and self possessed, when he takes charge of the deck—he fully and faithfully performs the duties as officer of the watch.

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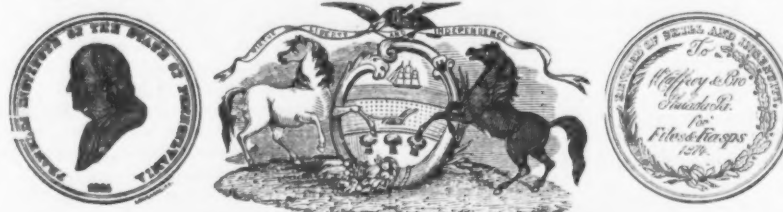
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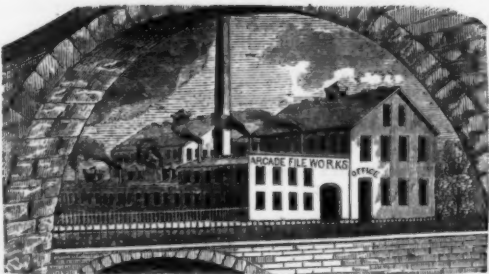


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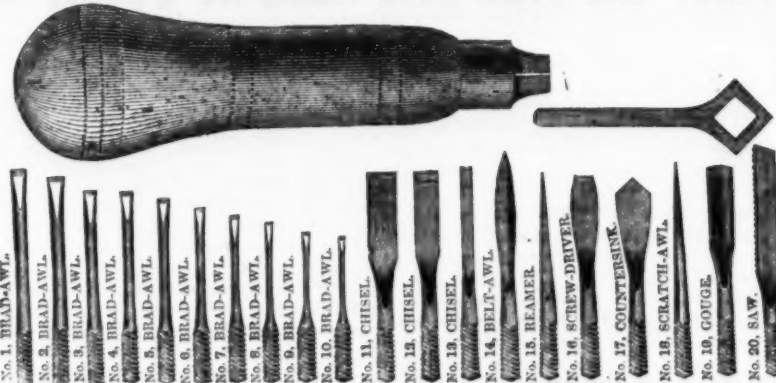
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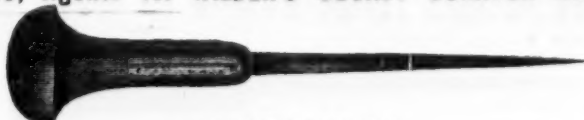
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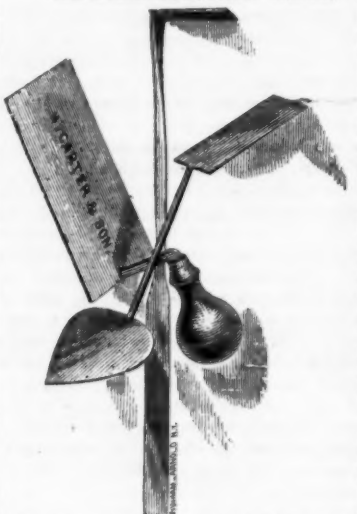


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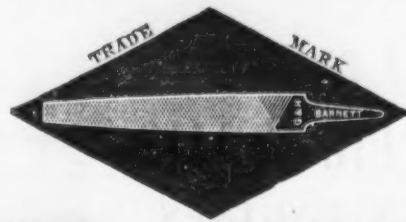
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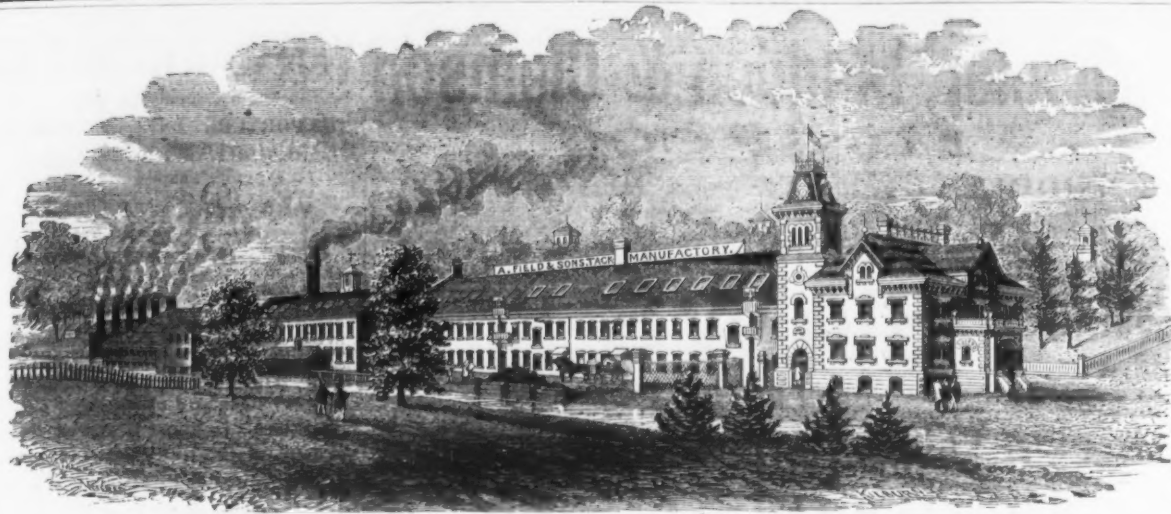


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New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent Office of Washington the following specifications of certain patents, lately issued, which will be found interesting:

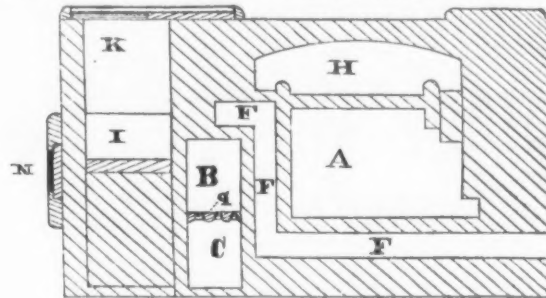
IMPROVEMENT IN METALLURGICAL FURNACES. Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 171,321, dated December 21, 1875, issued to Elliot Savage, of West Meriden, Connecticut.

The objects of this invention are, first, to prevent the oxidation of the metal in the smelting chamber when brought to a high temperature by supplying said chamber with the reducing gases at the requisite degree of heat to smelt the metal without producing complete combustion in the chamber; and, second, to prevent the waste of fuel by supplying the reducing gases after leaving the smelting chamber with a fresh supply of oxygen to produce complete combustion, and utilize the heat thus produced to heat the reducing gases to the proper temperature before entering the smelting chamber.

thousand and five hundred thermal units produced by the perfect combustion of one pound of carbon, there remain eight thousand and eight hundred thermal units. Should the process stop here the waste of fuel is very great; but if the four and two-thirds pounds of carbonic oxide gas is mixed with a sufficient quantity of fresh air of proper temperature it will burn with a blue flame, and the product will be seven and one-third pounds of carbonic acid gas, the amount of heat developed in the process amounting to twenty thousand and two hundred thermal units. Adding to this the eight thousand and eight hundred thermal units above, we have twenty-nine thousand thermal units as the result of the perfect combustion of two pounds of carbon.

It is well known to metallurgists that carbonic oxide in its action upon metals and metallic oxides is a reducing gas, and that metals are not readily oxidized, even when exposed to it at a high temperature. It is also known that when metals which have an affinity for oxygen are exposed to the action of carbonic acid gas at a high temperature they are rapidly oxidized, and thus burned up and wasted.

In the furnaces in common use for manufacturing wrought iron, the atmosphere of the



IMPROVED METALLURGICAL FURNACE.—Fig. 1.

It is well known that in the ordinary process of combustion oxygen and carbon can be made to combine in two definite proportions, forming carbonic oxide (CO) or carbonic acid (CO₂); carbonic oxide being formed when carbon is burned in a limited supply of oxygen; carbonic acid being the result of the perfect combustion of carbon; carbonic oxide containing one atom of carbon and one atom of oxygen; carbonic acid being composed of one atom of carbon and two atoms of oxygen. When one pound of carbon is combined in the process of combustion with one and one-third pound of oxygen the total amount of heat developed is four thousand four hundred British thermal units,

heating chamber is usually kept in such a state as to prevent the oxidation of the iron while it is being heated. This is accomplished by supplying the combustion chamber of the furnace with a large amount of carbon, which, of necessity, must be burned in a limited supply of air, which results in a large waste of fuel.

The method of preventing this waste will be understood by the following description of improved metallurgical furnace.

In the drawing, Fig. 1 is a central vertical section of the furnace. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section through line x x, Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section through y y, Fig. 2.

A is the walls or mason work. B is the first combustion chamber; C, the ash-pit; D, the uptake. E is a flue through which air is conducted to the ash-pit. F is the flue, and F' its walls for conducting air to the second combustion chamber G. G is the flue in which the reducing gases are heated, and through which they are conducted to the smelting chamber H. I is the inclined dead plate of the fuel chamber, down which the fuel passes to the first combustion chamber B. J is a support for the wall of flue G. K is the fuel-chamber or coal box. L is the door of the smelting chamber; P, the entrance to the same; M, the door or stoking hole of the combustion chamber B. O is the second combustion chamber (completely surrounding flue G), in which the gases, after leaving the smelting chamber H, and taking a fresh supply of oxygen through perforations leading from flue F, are completely consumed.

The mode of operation is as follows: Fire being kindled in first combustion chamber B, and box K being filled with coal, air is forced through flue E into ash pit C, and up through grate bars G. Complete combustion is produced immediately above the grate bars. The result of this complete combustion (CO₂), passing up through the incandescent fuel receive from the fuel being coked on dead plate I another portion of carbon, forming carbonic oxide, this reducing gas passing through flue G into smelting chamber H, and from there into chamber O, receiving, after leaving chamber H, a fresh supply of air through the perforations leading from flue F, the perfect combustion of the fuel is accomplished. The heat thus generated by this second combustion is communicated to the walls of chamber O and the flue G, the gases then passing out into the air through the up-take D. When a sufficiently high temperature has been attained for the purpose desired, the combustion can be started by regulating the supply of air through the air passages E and F, and thus a great saving of fuel accomplished, and a strictly reducing gas introduced into and maintained in the smelting chamber, while the oxidizing flame is confined entirely to the chamber O.

For the purpose of completely preventing any air entering the chamber H, the passage from said chamber is made smaller than the entering passage to it, thus causing and maintaining an upward pressure in the chamber H.

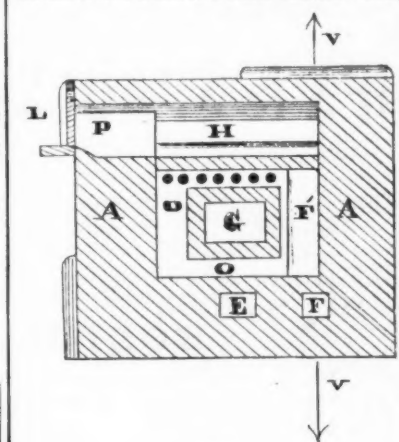


Fig. 2.

the product being two and two-thirds pounds of carbonic oxide, which can be combined by combustion with one and one-third pound of oxygen, and by so doing develop heat amounting to ten thousand and one hundred thermal units. When one pound of carbon is combined in the same manner with two and two-thirds pounds of oxygen, the amount of heat developed is fourteen thousand and five hundred thermal units, and the product of combustion is three and two-thirds pounds of carbonic acid (CO₂). The burning of carbon as it takes place in the combustion chambers of ordinary furnaces is always complete at first, provided the layer of coal from which the carbon is obtained is not so thick and the supply of air so small but that oxygen in sufficient quantity can get direct access to all the solid carbon—that is to say, one pound of carbon combines with two and two-thirds pounds of oxygen, and makes, as stated above, three and two-thirds pounds of carbonic

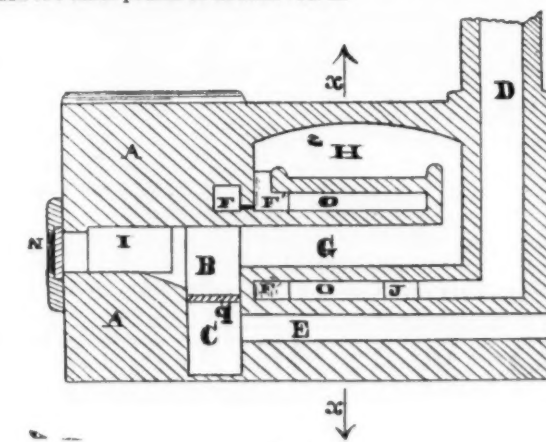


Fig. 3.

acid, and thus carbon, which is solid immediately before the combustion, passes during the combustion into the gaseous state, forming with the oxygen carbonic acid gas, and producing fourteen thousand and five hundred thermal units per pound of carbon consumed, and under these conditions the process terminates; but when part of the solid carbon in the furnace is not supplied directly with oxygen, being first heated and then dissolved into the gaseous state by the hot carbonic acid gas, which has already been formed in it, the product is carbonic oxide gas, three and two-thirds pounds of carbonic acid gas being capable of dissolving one pound of carbon, and thus making four and two-thirds pounds of carbonic oxide gas. The volatilizing of this second pound of carbon causes a loss of heat amounting to five thousand and seven hundred thermal units, which, being taken from the fourteen

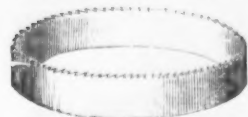
Claim.—1. The combination, substantially as hereinbefore set forth, of the flue for conducting the heated gases from the combustion chamber to the smelting chamber, and the second combustion chamber for heating said flue.

2. The combination, substantially as hereinbefore set forth, of the flue for conducting the heated gases from the first combustion chamber, the second combustion chamber for heating said flue, and the smelting chamber intervening said flue and second combustion chamber.

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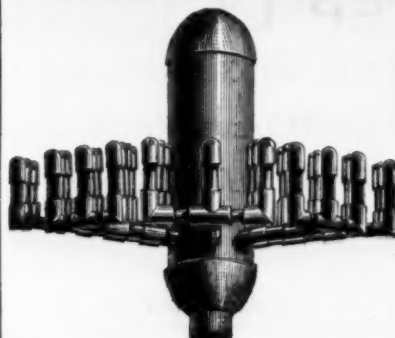
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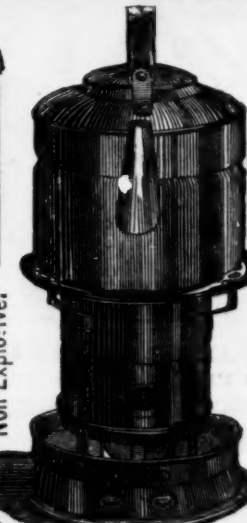
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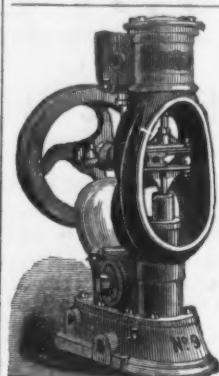
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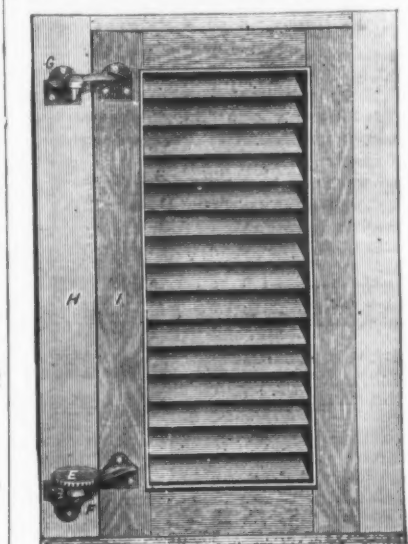


Fig. 1.

so that the blind can be shipped and unshipped only at this point. E is the crown wheel with cogs underneath meshing into the cogs of the pinion-head, also in sight.

Fig. 2 represents the pinion, shaft, rosette and crank, with joint motion, as they are when the blind is fastened. Their method of operation can be seen from an inspection of the cuts,



Fig. 2.

which show all parts of the hinges and gear. These hinges can be as easily adjusted to blinds already on as to new ones. They are finished in four styles. Simple Japanning, Bronze and Japan, Japan and nickel plate, and all nickel plate. The Holbrook Patent Blind Hinge Co., Watertown, N. Y., are the manufacturers.

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The public mind here, as elsewhere, has been greatly exercised the past few days by the revelations at Washington. The conviction is general that it is but an illustration of a too prevalent condition of office holding. Official position has come to be a reward for doubtful political service, and as such services carry with them no guarantee of character, but rather convey an implication of defective morals, it easily comes to pass that offices of every grade are filled with men who do not hesitate to use their position for purposes of personal enrichment. The *Bulletin* says: "The dishonesty of officials amounts to a ruinous indirect tax upon the trade of the country. If it is an exaction of a secretary of war upon a 'post trader,' then the officers of the army, having their expenses doubled in order to compensate the trader for the secretary's levy, have to demand increased pay, and hence the protests of this none too well paid class, against proposed reductions in the army pay roll. If it is the demand of a customs official for blood money from a merchant, who, for some innocent violation of incomprehensible revenue laws, is threatened with damaging exposure and heavy mulcts and penalties, then the importer has to reckon these exactions among the risks of his business, and seeks compensation out of the buyers of his goods. If it is an assessor, who for a consideration consents to undervalue the property of a large real estate holder, then the revenue is so far deficient, and the taxes upon others have to be correspondingly increased. If it be a district attorney, who corruptly convales at the wrongs of officials or the fraud of others against the government, the result is the same. If it be the head of a department, who conceals with politicians, to commit the government to large needless expenditures, merely for the purpose of creating contracts, then the tax levy has to be increased; and it is no exaggeration to say that in this way alone hundreds of millions have been wrung out of the people within the last ten years."

The same system prevails in our local government. City officials gather around them a "ring" of politicians to control the city government and to extort from contractors and others a "divvy" in all city expenditures. They create parks, widen and pave streets, build grand public offices—all for the main purpose of making money. All these things come primarily from the indifference that has led us to passively assent to party behests, instead of resenting them with the firmness of Anglo-Saxon resistance to wrong. This is what has come of winking at iniquity in public office. This is what it costs to stifle the protest of conscience against political wrongs. Our industries are prostrate, our trade is without profit, our merchants are driven into bankruptcy, our working people impoverished, and these results spring from the quiet endurance, on the part of the people, of political corrup-

tion. We are asked if there is no remedy to suggest for this deplorable condition of things. The *Evening Post* well says: "Our public affairs have reached a pitch of demoralization at which the safety of the future depends upon some grand popular *coup d'etat*, that shall rid it effectively of its destroyers. By a vigorous stroke of its strong limbs it must cast off the incubi who have so long ridden it, as the old man of the sea rode upon Sinbad the Sailor. Honest men, everywhere, who know what we now need, is integrity in office, the restoration of our finances, the diminution of debt, the equal adjustment of the burdens of taxes, and a practical legislation which shall shape itself by the broad interests of the country, and not by the petty exigencies of candidates and cliques, should send their representatives to a national council to proclaim their determination. The people are nearly ready, if not altogether ripe for it, and it would require only a few brave men to raise the banner to rouse them to a tremendous rally."

The coal trade continues without any change of feature, suspension of work, stagnation and universal dullness prevailing in all its departments. At a meeting of the Schuylkill County Coal Exchange, held during the week, it was determined to continue the present suspension until the third of April, on condition that the operators in the other anthracite regions decide to suspend, of which there is no doubt. A new constitution and by-laws was adopted, the most important changes being the following: At the stated meeting preceding the 20th of each month, returns shall be made showing the shipments of each interest for the preceding month, together with the excess or deficiency of each, and each interest which is in excess of its fixed shipment quota shall pay a fine of \$1.50 for each ton of excess. The total of these fines shall be divided at the rate of \$1.50 per ton among those who have fallen short of the amount due to them in that month. Committees were appointed to wait upon all operators who were not in the old exchange, and induce them to join the new combination. The committees called upon a large number of operators, and in nearly every instance they were successful. The bituminous interest is making active preparations for trade in the spring, and if what we hear be one-half realized, it will push the anthracite business pretty hard. The Cumberland interest will obtain the reduction they have been endeavoring to secure by Legislature. This will enable them to put their coal into the market at most favorable rates. The Clearfield is actively moving for trade, and will no doubt double the last year's output; but the producers complain that with present tolls the profits are very small. It is reported that the New York coal companies have decided to begin mining operations on the 20th of March. As the third of April is named in the Schuylkill region, a compromise will have to be made, and probably the 26th of March will be fixed upon. The details with regard to contracts and some other matters have not been fully arranged. The present prospects of the coal trade are anything but flattering. We understand that the transfer of the retail coal trade of the Reading Coal and Iron Company to private hands is more nominal than real. The prices are still to be regulated by the company, and the coal will be virtually sold on commission, or rather for a fixed price per ton, for which commission the sellers guarantee to collect the sales, and, at their own cost, make the deliveries, the company delivering the coal at the yards. We have no doubt that the new arrangement is much better for the company than undertaking to manage the multitudinous details of a large retail coal yard.

In the iron trade there are no signs of improvement; the demand is languid as ever, and prices very weak. There is no great pressure to sell, however, most of the needy men having realized, and what business is done is of a legitimate character, consisting of purchases for immediate necessities, and it is surprising how cautious buyers are, the present very low prices having no apparent effect in inducing larger operations. Inquiries have been made this week for some 50,000 tons steel rails for early delivery, but as the mills have contracts on hand to last until mid-summer, it is thought the parties will take iron rails rather than wait any length of time. With this exception there is really nothing of importance to note, and the long-looked for revival in trade seems as far off as ever.

Our export trade continues to grow more rapidly than ever, the past month showing an increase of one hundred and twenty per cent. as compared with the corresponding month of last year, and every indication seems to show that this ratio will be maintained. This, of itself, must eventually have an important influence upon business, and, doubtless, is to some extent one cause of the present abundance of money. Whatever may be the cause of the great and long-continued depression in trade, capital is abundant, and four to five per cent. is about the rate for call loans, and five to six per cent. for commercial paper.

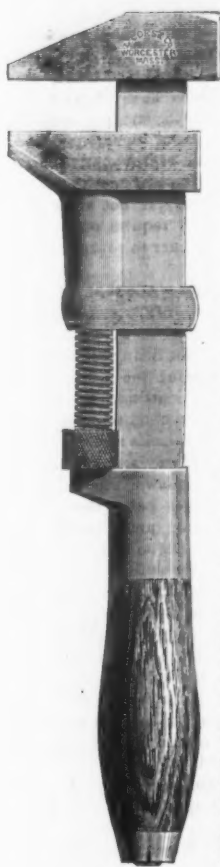
The arrangement which brings bi-monthly pay days in large manufacturing establishments on Saturday is likely to be abandoned throughout New England, and Monday substituted in lieu thereof. The latest emphasis to this movement is in the police reports from Valley Falls, R. I. The Rhode Island Horse Shoe Company pay off on the second Saturday of each calendar month, and on Sunday following this last event, it is estimated that nearly one hundred persons were either drunk or but a few steps from it. The local prints characterize the day as a sad one for moral or legal influences.

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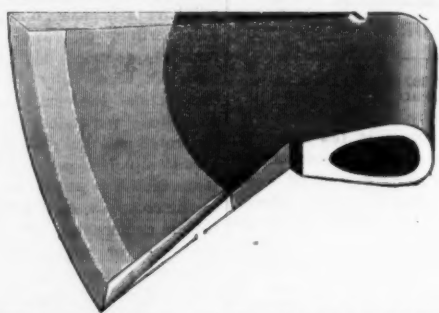
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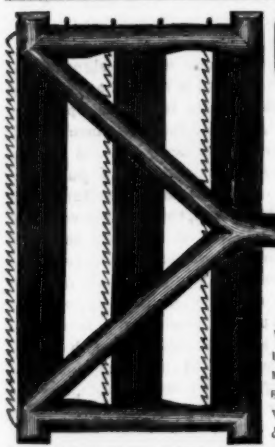
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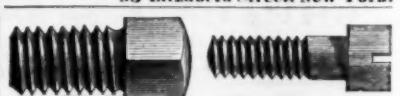
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Manufactured Iron.

The announcement of the suspension of the long established and apparently successful firm of Zug & Co., Pittsburgh, with liabilities of upward of half a million, will occasion a shock of surprise in the iron trade. For thirty years the senior member of the firm has been in the rolling mill business, and the firm names of Lindsay, Zug & Co., Zug & Painter and Zug & Co. have been known for a generation. Their mill was, in some respects, especially in economy of labor in handling material, regarded as the model mill of Pittsburgh, and it has always been supposed that they could make iron as cheap as any other mill in that iron producing city. They have run largely on specialties, particularly agricultural iron, and yet, in spite of all this, the end has come.

We do not need a succession of such failures to show us that the time has come when the manufacturers of merchant iron in this country should cry, "Halt!" and see how severe their defeat has been, and whether there is any necessity of a further retreat. There is no

doubt that they have met a severe reverse, more wide-spread and damaging than they at first supposed possible. Prices have been steadily falling until they no longer bear any relation to the cost of production; one manufacturer after another has gone into bankruptcy, until it is estimated that forty per cent. of the iron works of the country have failed; and for a majority of the makers of rolled iron, a further doing of business at a loss means inevitable financial ruin. Further retreat is cut off by the ubiquitous sheriff, and their only safety lies in making a bold stand for fair prices. Let us have a council of war to determine whether this is practicable.

What is their position now? Merchant iron has fallen and still fallen, until it has touched a point as low as was ever reached in the history of the iron trade of the country, and even at these low figures—in many cases far below the cost of production—buyers will only place orders for immediate demands. In times past, when iron fell to cost, merchants hastened to fill up their warehouses. They do not do it now. They are afraid that next week there will be a lower price and they will be caught with a full warehouse and the market still falling. We know a western dealer who thought when nails were at \$2.90 that they could not go lower, and he placed a large order. Before they were in his warehouse he could buy at \$2.80, a short time after at \$2.70, and thinking himself safe, and to "hedge," he bought another large order. Now he proposes to wait to see what time will bring forth. What merchants want to know is two things: 1st. That the offer is as low as iron can be bought, and 2d, that bottom has been reached. It is a curious fact in the trade that those most anxious for an advance are not the manufacturers, but the merchants. Nothing would please the latter so much as to be obliged to pay 25c. for iron.

Then as to the consumption and production. In this retreat some have fallen out by the wayside, and to-day the actual production in not much, if any, in excess of consumption. However this may be, one thing is certain, that all the iron that is being rolled is sold for consumption, and not a keg of nails or a bar of iron less would be sold if nails were \$3 and bars 25c.

All a buyer wants to know seems to be whether the price asked is the lowest at which he can buy. Once touch absolute bottom, and there will be no more trouble in getting a higher price, and it rests with the manufacturers to say whether this shall be so or not. We have an impression that if the council of war we have been advocating were held, it would be found that the force that has driven the iron trade to its present extremity has not been a pressure from without, but a panic from within.

Blue Spectacles.

This is a good season for the croakers, and they are certainly making the most of their opportunity. We meet them at every turn—in business, in society, at home and abroad; they come to see us and pour their melancholy plaint into our unwilling ears; they waylay us on the street corners, and thrust their gloomy predictions on us through the mails. Everybody seems to be looking about him through blue spectacles just now, and the universal cry is that "the country is going to the dogs," and, "those are best off who have nothing to lose." Manufacturers wring their hands and tell us they see no hope now or in the future; tradesmen tell us they would assign their present and prospecting profits to anyone who would guarantee them a modest living; political economists and financial theorists tell us that what we have passed through is not a circumstance to the disaster which awaits us—unless Congress will promptly carry out their ideas of financial legislation; capitalists tell us that everything is rotten, and that a man with a few dollars is scarcely safe in investing it anywhere; and the great army of those who are neither manufacturers, nor business men, nor intelligent theorists, nor capitalists, nor anything else in particular, take up the melancholy refrain, "Hard times and worse coming," and chant it in the minor key, until the very atmosphere is heavy with plaints of present misfortune and predictions of impending disaster.

In the midst of all this weeping and wailing, it is gratifying to reflect that a majority of men cannot see beyond the ends of their noses, even with the aid of the blue spectacles they derive so much satisfaction from wearing. It is the same old story; every summer is hotter than any other summer ever was; every winter is more uncomfortable than any previous winter thought of being; every cotton crop is destroyed while it is growing; we are never going to have more than half an average yield of breadstuffs and fruits—until the crops are gathered;

every year is a bad one for business—until the balance sheet is made up; every panic is worse in its immediate and permanent effects than any previous panic; and when times are hard, they are a great deal harder than ever before, and will continue so for ever. Yet, somehow, the summers and winters average very uniform; the crops are pretty generally good; times are seldom half as bad as people think, and panics are sandwiched in between periods of very comfortable general prosperity; one generation forgets the troubles of those which preceded it; and the world continues to revolve, notwithstanding the predictions of the prophets that it must soon give up the effort to preserve its individuality as a planet and make an assignment of its effects in favor of the sun. Twenty years hence a majority of Americans will have forgotten that we had a panic in 1873, and closed the first century of our natural history with a bad attack of the doleful dumps. Old men will talk about it, and writers on political economy and financiers will tell us, by way of illustration, how it came about; but it will have passed away from the memory of the people, and will be as little regretted then as the panic of 1857 is now.

We are not disposed to make light of the annoyances, anxieties, discomforts and suffering which those have experienced who have felt the pressure of the hard times. We well know that strong men have lost courage and strong houses succumbed; that thousands have suffered for food, and that labor is standing with idle hands in empty pockets—waiting, hoping, praying for better times. All that we have to quarrel with is the complaints of the croakers and wearers of blue spectacles, that better times are not coming. We have been through the same experiences—and even worse—more than once before, and will have to go through them again and again. Human wisdom has not yet discovered means of checking a too rapid national development, nor of placing wholesome restrictions upon over-trading, nor of averting the reactions which are sure to follow. We shall emerge from under the cloud just as soon as we are ready to move forward in the right direction. The trouble is just here: Business has got down to "hard pan" but the people of the country have not. When we have adjusted ourselves, our expectations and our energies to the conditions of cheap production, low prices and small profits; when economy in all departments of production has been carried to its ultimate application; when we are ready to live and accumulate wealth out of profits which four years ago we should scarcely have thought worth working for, we will find that we have no further use for our blue spectacles, and that the end of the world is not so near as we supposed.

English and American Railway Practice.

What we have said of the superiority of American over English cars, has lately found abundant confirmation in the performances of American cars on English railroads. Their superiority as regards strength to resist shock, and consequent greater protection to passengers, is now conceded in England, and the long needed change in the construction of English cars will, no doubt, be brought about by a further demand for cars of the American pattern. The following interesting paragraph, which we take from the *Sheffield Telegraph*, tells how some American cars on the Midland Railway did just what we predicted they would do in case of accident:

The collision on the Midland Railway, at Chiltern Green, on Wednesday morning, furnished conclusive proof—if proof, indeed, were needed—of the immense superiority of the Pullman car over the conventional railway carriage. The mail train, which was composed of Pullman cars, dashed into the goods wagons when it was going at the sensation speed of a mile a minute. The powerful express engine was thrown over completely on its broadside, along with two of the Pullman cars. Strange to say, however, the occupants of the cars, who were all asleep at the time, never felt the force of the collision beyond a mere shaking, and the only damage sustained by Mr. Pullman's magnificent vehicles can be repaired by a glazier. We are informed that several gentlemen who were traveling by this train have left their cards and their gratitude at the Pullman car office. We will not hazard a conjecture as to what casualty would have occurred if ordinary carriages had been subjected to such an ordeal. The matter may be added to the elder Disraeli's "History of events that might have happened."

Even allowing a liberal margin for shrinkage, the above statement is quite remarkable. We should think that the shock of stopping a train going at the "sensational speed of a mile a minute," if severe enough to turn the cars over, would have made itself manifest to the passengers by something more severe than a "mere shaking." The resistance offered by the English cars must have been very slight indeed. A few experiences of this kind will have a powerful influence in popularizing American cars among the English traveling public.

We also find confirmation of what we

have said concerning the unreliability of English block signals, in an article in *Iron*. We quote as follows:

Another proof of the little reliability to be placed upon the most perfect theoretical arrangements in railway traffic, is supplied by the serious accident that occurred on the Metropolitan District line on Saturday evening last week. Like the Great Northern, this railway is worked strictly on the block system, and the Addison Road train, to which the accident happened, had passed the Hammersmith Junction before the one following was allowed to start. But the train in advance, owing to some mismanagement, combined with the dense fog and state of the rails, was allowed to slip back on the points, and was thus run into, the hinder carriage being crushed up, and the passengers in it, although no one was killed outright, fearfully shaken. Several of them were much cut about the face and other parts of the body and bled profusely, and, as in all such cases, many will have their health permanently injured and their lives shortened in consequence. Like the officials of other lines, those of the Metropolitan District endeavored to hush up the affair, maintaining the closest reticence with regard to the nature and extent of the casualty.

Inferior cars, insufficient brake power, overworking of servants, and too absolute a dependence upon imperfect systems of automatic electric signalling, are defects in English railway construction and management which the engineers of that country could easily correct by a closer study of American practice.

At the conference between the boilers and manufacturers, at Pittsburgh, last Monday evening, nothing was done; the meeting adjourned *sine die*, and the conferences are at an end. It is understood that the ultimatum of the manufacturers was \$4.62½ per ton for boiling, without scale, until Nov. 1, or a scale on the basis of \$4.50 on a \$2.50 card, guaranteeing the puddlers against a decline below \$4.62½ before Nov. 1, and giving them the benefit of any advance beyond this. The boilers rejected this, and offered \$4.75 until Nov. 1, without a card. This was rejected, and as the matter stands now there is no price, no agreement, no prospective meetings, and each mill can do as it pleases.

Mr. Wm. Richards, a well known iron manufacturer, of Warren, O., died on Sunday the 27th ult. Mr. Richards was born in Wales, but came to this country when quite a young man, and has long been identified with the iron industries of the Mahoning Valley, having built the Girard and Warren furnaces, and made successful for a number of years the Warren Rolling Mill. The panic of 1873 affected his business interests disastrously; for two years his works have been idle, and no doubt his financial troubles have hastened his death.

The Decline in Tin.

The depreciation in the value of tin has been surprisingly rapid since the commencement of the year. An examination of the production in 1875, on the one hand, and of the deliveries on the other, together with the present statistical position of tin, will materially assist us in explaining this extraordinary decline, which has depressed the metal to a figure even below the bottom price of last year.

In the United Kingdom production from native ores in 1875, instead of decreasing according to a previous careful estimate some 3000 tons, was diminished, according to the official figures since received, only 442 tons. There was an increase of output of Banca and Billiton, last year, of 719 tons over and above the yield of 1874. At the Straits settlements, the disturbance at Perak impeded production and the free outflow of tin during a couple of weeks at most. The output thus reached a figure not hitherto attained, resulting in an increase of 3423 tons. Australia, notwithstanding a prolonged drought, produced an excess over 1874 of 1412 tons. The shipments during the winter months were unusually heavy, favored, as they were, by the wool shipping season, which causes tin to be taken at a reduced freight for the sake of good stowage. The prospective supply is liberal both from the mainland and Tasmania. The amended figures of production are therefore as follows:

	1875.	1874.	1873.	1872.
United Kingdom.....	9,540	9,942	9,970	9,560
Banca and Billiton.....	7,925	7,206	7,383	6,149
Straits.....	11,000	7,577	6,963	9,785
Australia.....	7,218	5,800	4,990	150

Total..... 35,683 30,525 29,306 25,644
After deducting the shipments to the United States, and adding the estimated quantity of Australian ore used, the deliveries in 1875, in England and Holland, were 18,499 tons, against 15,489 and 11,310 the previous two years. The world's consumption last year is put down by competent European statisticians at 32,500 tons, against 27,000 in 1874. There were consequently 4500 tons more consumed, as an offset against an increased output of 5118 tons.

At the close of the first month of the present year, the viable supply, as compared with the preceding two years, stood as follows:

	Jan. 31, 1876.	Jan. 31, 1875.	Jan. 31, 1874.
Banca on warrants.....	1,113	1,015	1,070
Banca Trading Company.....	1,528	3,345	3,300
Billiton.....	875	980	850
Straits and Australian at London.....	6,038	3,951	2,336
Total.....	9,554	9,191	7,556

AMOUNT OF TIN AFLOAT FOR EUROPE.

	Jan. 31, 1876.	Jan. 31, 1875.	Jan. 31, 1874.
Banca.....	431	70	280
Billiton.....	1,000	380	370
Straits.....	922	1,727	670
Australian.....	2,403	1,500
Total.....	4,756	3,677	1,300

It will be seen from what precedes that the visible supply stood 14,440 tons, against 12,845 and 8916 the previous two years, the excess being due chiefly to the large amounts afloat.

That under these circumstances the price of tin should have resumed a downward tendency, will cause no surprise. On the 1st of January, 1876, Straits stood at \$81; a month later it had declined to \$80, and has since dropped to the low figure of \$73.

The deliveries in England and Holland in December were 1272 tons, against 1431 and 1254 in January, 1876 and 1875. They will have to be very liberal throughout the present year in order to prevent a further decline in tin, for unless something unexpected occurs, either in the Straits settlements or Australia, there seems to be every likelihood that production will continue to make further progress in those localities.

A further decline in Straits tin, say to \$70, would probably compel the mines to curtail production until at least the present value was recovered. In Australia we do not believe the output would be shortened even by a similar decline, the richness of the ore being greater there than elsewhere. As the metal is situated, the out-look is not cheerful for holders.

New Publications.

THE IRON WORKS OF THE UNITED STATES. A Directory of the Furnaces, Rolling Mills, Steel Works, Forges and Bloomeries in every State. Prepared by The American Iron and Steel Association, No. 365 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia. Centennial Edition, 1876.

This little volume, of which we have before made mention in these columns, is a valuable work of reference for the use of all who are connected with the iron trade of the United States. It has been compiled with very great care by Mr. James M. Swank and his intelligent assistant, Mr. Geo. W. Cope.

The information contained in the work has all been obtained by direct personal application, and nothing has been appropriated from previous editions without careful verification. It is, without doubt, the most perfect and satisfactory directory of the iron trade ever compiled, and if any errors have slipped in they are not attributable to carelessness in compilation, or undue haste in the collection of information. Mr. Swank is a very thorough and painstaking secretary, and we have often had occasion to congratulate the Association on retaining the services of an officer so eminently fitted for the discharge of the delicate and difficult duties of the position, and so devoted to the furtherance of the interests of the iron trade. We are informed that Mr. Swank is now preparing his report for the Centennial year, which will be a statistical work of great and permanent value. In no other country are the records of the production, importation and consumption of iron kept with the same thoroughness as in this country, and we hope the British Iron Trade Association will carry out their present intention of adopting Mr. Swank's system, and giving the world an annual statistical report covering all departments of the iron and steel trade.

HOW WESTERN FARMERS ARE BENEFITED BY PROTECTION. By David H. Mason. Compiled from Editorial Articles which have appeared in the *Inter-Ocean*, Chicago, during 1874 and 1875. Published by the author, Chicago, 1875.

We have in this pamphlet a number of practical arguments based upon exact figures, which will commend themselves to the intelligent consideration of a very large class of our population. Mr. Mason combats logically, and without any show of passion, the broad assumption of some writers that protection to domestic industry cannot but oppress the agricultural classes, and shows that the general results of our system of tariff legislation have been beneficial to the farmers—especially the Western farmers. The book will interest all into whose hands it may come, and will no doubt prove effective in giving the people of the West clearer and more comprehensive ideas on subjects embraced within the domain of economic science than they now have.

WOODEN AND BRICK BUILDINGS WITH DETAILS. A. J. Bicknell & Co., 27 Warren Street, N. Y. 2 vols., 160 plates.

We can scarcely give a better idea of the scope and contents of these two volumes than to quote the title page in full. Wooden and brick buildings with details, published under the direction of A. J. Bicknell, containing 160 plates of plans, elevations, views, sections and details, villas, cottages, farm houses, country seats, street fronts for dwellings, store fronts, banks, theatres, library, town hall, masonic hall, hotels, opera house, court house, school houses, ice houses, boat house, gateways and fences; including a double plate, showing a street view of twelve dwellings, and a variety of exterior and interior designs and details for plaster, wood, brick and stone fronts; also descriptive letter press, specification of New York form of contract, schedule of charges endorsed by the American Institute of Architects, etc., elevations, plans and details to scale. To say that this extensive plan had been carried out would be no small praise. This has not only been done, but it has been done in a satisfactory manner. There are, in all, 173 designs, contributed by 44 of the leading architects of the country. One of the most astonishing things is the completion of the details, of which, in most cases, a sufficient number are given to enable the workman to construct any of the buildings without difficulty. To the architect they form a portfolio of valuable designs, showing some of the best work in the country. We think that this work is of such interest and value that almost any person intending to build would do well to consult it not to purchase it. The designs are photo-lithographed, and the printing of these, as well as that of the letter press, is very good.

indeed. The draughtsmen have, apparently, hit upon a style of drawing which is admirably rendered by the process. A whole article could be written upon the designs alone, but want of space compels us to be brief. We do suggest to those who wish to build that they cannot do better than to spend a few evenings in carefully studying this work. In an artistic point of view these designs are very valuable, and will do much toward developing good taste in building.

Meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

(Continued.)

THE CORNWALL IRON ORE BED.*

Dr. Hunt began his address by stating that the iron ore of the United States had been referred to two divisions. 1st. The Laurentian, to which were to be referred the ores of the Adirondacks, and the Huronian, in which are classified the ores of Northern Michigan and also probably those of the Iron Mountain of Missouri.

Beside these there is another group of ores to be discussed. The South Mountain, of Pennsylvania, was traced by the speaker from its origin in the Highlands to its termination, and the character of the rock described as real Laurentian gneiss.

It has hitherto been thought that in the Laurentian and Huronian could be included all the ores known, but the ores at Cornwall are so peculiar that they deserve examination and study to see if this theory be correct.

Their situation is this: Four or five miles south of Lebanon rises three ore hills, representing together an oval 400 feet long at each end and 800 feet at its greatest diameter. This oval is cut by ravines into the three hills mentioned, one the East Hill, the so-called Big Hill, 300 feet high, the Middle, 100 feet high, and the Grass Hill, 70 or 80 feet. This is a mass of almost pure iron ore, magnetic, regularly stratified and almost horizontal. This mass of ore is walled about by ridges of eruptive doleritic rock or trap. The fact of this ridge being elliptical was dwelt upon, and also in connection with its reference was made to the fact that in the Connecticut Valley there is a decided tendency of the trap to take this same form.

The question arose, How came this peculiar deposit of ore there, and to what group of rocks are they to be referred? Prof. Rogers placed them among his primal slates and sandstones, others have referred them to the Triassic age. Dr. Hunt was inclined to accept the classification of Prof. Rogers.

A further interesting question was, How has this body of ore been preserved? I conceive that there must have been at some time a large deposit of ore that has been subject to erosion, and this has been preserved by its wall of trap.

It has been supposed by some that the character of the ore has been changed by the trap, but of this I find no evidence.

As to the extent of the deposit, borings have been made with the diamond drill in the Middle Hill to the depth of 300 feet; 200 feet below the water level and the bottom of the deposit was not reached. Remembering that the Big Hill is 300 feet high, we shall have a mass of iron at least 500 feet in vertical thickness in this hill.

The peculiar mineral and chemical character of the ore was referred to. It is comparatively soft, with little phosphorus, of a granular nature, associated with copper and a little cobalt. It seems well adapted for Bessemer metal, and at Harrisburg 25 per cent. is used.

The deposits at Dillsbury and its vicinity were described as belonging to the same geological horizon, and closely related in mineralogical associations. The ores of Wheatfield, and of several other localities in the vicinity of Reading, are similar, as likewise those of Boyertown, further eastward. Here, at a depth of more than 300 feet, a bed of magnetic ore, nearly 200 feet in thickness, was traversed in a boring, and a shaft has recently been sunk for the purpose of working it.

The Jones Mine, on the south side of the red sandstone belt, which has so long been noted both for iron and copper, is another large deposit belonging to the same class.

These ores are distinct from those of the Laurentian, seen in the South Mountain, and also from those of the Huronian of Michigan, and belong to a new horizon whose importance to the metallurgy of Pennsylvania has only begun to be recognized.

DISCUSSION ON THE ABOVE.
Prof. Persifer Frazer, Jr.:
In my association with the last speaker, during his temporary visit to my district of York and Adams counties, in the Pennsylvania Geological Survey, last summer, I was accustomed to speak of the ore he alludes to, and to regard them, like most others, as due to the alteration of ferruginous minerals by the contact of dykes of trap. There was good excuse for the belief in the necessary connection of the ore and the trap, for, in the Dillsbury district, the former seldom or never occurs without the latter. Since last summer further explorations have revealed several facts bearing on the question of the horizon of these ores, none of which are inconsistent with the theory defended by Dr. Hunt, that these ores belong to the base of the Palaeozoic and not to the Mesozoic formation. The South Mountain (south of the Susquehanna) reaches its maximum breadth on the Chambersburg turnpike, where it consists of a series of interlocking ridges between eight and nine miles in width. In the second of these valleys between these ridges, and lying among the soft Huronian schists, two miles or more from the margin of the new red sandstone, and perhaps hundreds of feet below the upper horizon of these schists, occurs a specular ore of very

great beauty and apparently great purity, resembling in a remarkable manner the similar ores inside the "New Red." It is proper to state that the traps are always in contact with the ores of this district, and so far as examined they seem to be dolerite, melaphyr or syenite, generally the first. But there is nothing inconsistent with the view that these traps acted to protect and not to form the ore. In one bank, where the ore deposits were found on only one side of a dyke, my first view was that the dyke in its up-flow had forced up the slabs of sandstone and mud rock, and subsequently filled by percolation in the iron solutions and then altered by heat. Recent exploitation has discovered one, also, on the other side.

Prof. B. Silliman, Jr.:
In connection with this ore, found at Jones Mine, near Birdsboro, and which also exists in other localities, there are some very interesting facts. This ore is a complex hydrated silicate of alumina, iron and copper. It is well-known that Messrs. Hunt and Douglass have perfected a process for extracting copper from ores low in the metal, as low as from 3 to 10 per cent., with a loss of only one-half of one per cent. of all the copper contained.

There are two classes of ores to which this is applicable. 1st. Hard ores; 2d. Soft ores. The first class are treated with crushing and roasting as an ore of this class. The total average amount of copper in these ores is 3 to 4 per cent., ranging from 2 to 5. This is too much copper to go into a blast furnace, and not enough to go into a copper furnace. Hence this is an admirable case for the Hunt and Douglass process. If the refuse could be used it would be valuable. The wet fix afforded an opportunity for its use. The sand resulting could be used for this purpose, as it contained 60 to 70 per cent. of iron, free from sulphur, and, practically, free from phosphorus.

The soft ores, when examined *in situ*, were found to be a rock of imperfect stratification that has decayed. It showed on analysis to have 25 per cent. of water and 8 per cent. of water of hydration. Some of it contained as high as 12 per cent. of copper, but it ran about 5 per cent.

The question was how to use this ore. In continuation of this subject, Prof. Silliman described a new muffle furnace.

ON A MUFFLE FOR CALCINING CERTAIN COPPER ORES.

Remarks by Prof. B. Silliman:

The ore in question, the Jones mine, near Birdsboro, Pa., which exists also in other localities, is a complex hydrated silicate of magnesia, alumina, iron and copper, presenting a problem which has hitherto baffled all efforts for its successful treatment with a view to extract its copper. Experiments conducted by Messrs. Hunt and Douglass, on a scale of some magnitude, proved last year that when this ore was heated with carbon, out of contact with air, the copper is rendered quite soluble in a solution of ferrous chloride and common salt.

The furnace described is a double muffle—heated by one fire and contained in one arch, the heat passages being so arranged that a perfect uniformity of temperature in all parts is attained. These muffles are built of the most refractory fire brick, very carefully laid and stayed to avoid distention. They are calculated to contain about 7 to 8 tons each of dry ore mixed with 5-10 per cent. of coal dust.

The muffles are charged from above by two man holes. The dimensions of each chamber are 12 feet high, 10 feet deep and 2 feet wide. They are discharged by draw doors on a level with the floor of the muffle. The time required to heat a charge in these muffles is about 40 to 48 hours, depending on the degree of dryness of the ore. To obtain the ores in a suitably dry condition, the waste heat of the furnace, as it escapes from the muffles, is carried through an extensive series of flues covered by tiles, on which the ores, as they come from the mine, are spread and turned, and when nearly dry are mixed with the coal dust. The consumption of fuel is about 1 ton in 24 hours. Bituminous coal is used, and the flame is made to ascend on the outside of each muffle and descend over the arches and between the muffles on its way to the drying floors. This system completely reduces the copper in the ore to the metallic state, which, as it is drawn hot from the furnaces, becomes oxidized to the condition of cuprous and cupric oxides, which are almost completely exhausted by the Hunt and Douglass bath of ferrous chloride, the loss not exceeding one-third of 1 per cent. from the ore averaging about 5 per cent. of copper.

This paper was illustrated by carefully prepared drawings, which are required to render its details intelligible, and these will be reproduced in the transactions of the Institute.
Dr. Sterry Hunt described these great beds of a greenish earthy material, which are found at the Jones iron mine, in Berlin county, Pa., underlying the magnetic deposits so long worked in that region. These strata, apparently modified by decomposition, consist in large part of a hydrous silicate of magnesia, iron, alumina and copper, which is related to chlorite in its character and composition, and, when in a pure state, contains no less than fourteen per cent. of copper. As extracted from the mine, the impure earth contains from four to five per cent. of copper, constituting an ore of this metal, which is now successfully treated by the process of Messrs. Hunt and Douglass, at Phenixville, Pa., by means of the furnace described at this meeting by Prof. Silliman.

REFRACTORY MATERIALS.
Abstract of a paper read by Prof. T. Eggleston.
These materials are usually clays, which are silicates of alumina, and a few natural rocks. Rocks can rarely be used, as they are never homogeneous, and are liable to crack; clays cannot be used as they are found, but must be mixed with other substances. They are refractory, in proportion to the alumina they contain, and

less useful, as they are acid; two to three per cent. of iron is sufficient to make a brick fusible at high temperature. Silica alone is exceedingly infusible, but has no binding power. The Dinas brick, which is silica, is formed by one and a half per cent. of lime, and will resist a clear white heat alone, but is worthless if it comes in contact with metallic oxides; two per cent. of oxide of iron would make such a brick useless in a Siemens-Martin furnace. A silica brick expands to such an extent that the rods of a furnace have to be loosened while it is being heated, and tightened when the furnace cools. Alumina is also very infusible, but it contracts at a high heat, and has therefore to be mixed with silica, or hurred clay, to prevent this contraction, as any depressions or contractions would make eddies in the flame and rapidly destroy the furnace. Bauxite, a hydrated compound of alumina and iron, which sometimes contains a little silica, and sometimes none at all, is also used. Siemens makes a brick of this substance which contains three to five per cent. of silica only, which is five times as infusible as the best Stourbridge brick. We have the anomaly of six per cent. of oxide of iron, making one material as fusible as ordinary brick, and another, containing over 20 per cent. of the same material, being infusible. Lime and magnesia are also very refractory; they are both used to make crucibles for the fusion of platinum, but lime can only be had as a carbonate, which, under heat, becomes caustic, and when the heat is allowed to go down, it slacks and falls to powder, so that it can only be used as in Styria, in very small continuous furnaces. As lime is very friable, the campaigns are never long. Magnesia is also a very refractory material, but difficult to get. Beside the effect which the chemical composition has upon the refractoriness of materials, there is an effect due to molecular condition which has been but little studied and is still less understood.

What is demanded to day by our present metallurgical practice is a better material than we now have. Mr. Holley has shown that the cost of refractory materials for a ton of Bessemer ingots is \$1. For the Siemens-Martin process this expense is \$5, while in Wales it is only \$1. This shows the necessity of a careful discussion of the whole subject, which should be made by making mixtures which should theoretically be fusible, and then submitting them to the temperatures they should sustain, and then making a careful chemical analysis and also a mechanical and microscopical examination.

Mr. A. L. Holley, at a subsequent meeting of the Institute, in connection with this subject, presented the drawings of the details of a Perrot furnace, where it is necessary to hold up the roof, which is very drooping. This is proposed to be accomplished by the use of a lathing of water pipes, that is, letting the pipes hold up the fire-brick roof, instead of the brick supporting itself. The roof is intended to be monolithic.

Business in Wheeling.

A correspondent sends us the following concerning the iron industries of Wheeling. In the manufacture of iron and nails, here and in this vicinity, a large amount of capital is in constant use, a statement of which might be of interest to many. The amount of this is shown in the following table:

	Fe	Equal to	By Parry's
No. 1. Oxidized.	Manganese p. c.		Method.
1.	0.3018	19.82	20.16
2.	0.2103	20.75	20.65
3.	0.2296	21.53	21.75
4.	0.2433	22.88	—

No. 2 gave, by the acetate of ammonium method, 20.55 per cent., which was done with great care. No. 4 is a repetition of No. 3.
It is evident, of course, that there is nothing original or new in the above method, but it contrasts very favorably with the usual methods of separating the iron with sodium or ammonium acetate, and precipitating the manganese from the filtrate with bromine. It is not at all troublesome, does not take long, and has the advantage that the only chemicals and apparatus required are those which are necessary for the assay of iron ores.

Some New English Stoves.

English inventive talent, when applied to the improvement of stoves and heating apparatus, sometimes develops in extraordinary directions. At the last meeting of the Social Science Congress there were exhibited some inventions in the stove line which would astonish our American housekeepers. From a description of these exhibits published in *The Engineer* we quote as follows:

Constantine's "Treasure" range was represented by several sizes and varieties. It requires no brick setting, and burns coal, coke, cinders, breeze and kitchen refuse. The fire-place is of cast iron, but, instead of an open ash pit, a tight fitting plate with a valve in it, worked by a handle, forms the front of a drawer into which fall all the ashes and earthy residue. By means of this valve any degree of heat may be obtained. The boilers are constructed of annealed iron, coated with porcelain enamel.

The "People's Stove," invented by Mrs. A. Lewis, in appearance resembles a table, standing about the same height, and consists of a wide, but not high, heat chamber, heated by a small cylindrical or rectangular fire box, with open bars, placed below it. The whole is mounted on four legs, and is so far portable that it requires only a wrought iron flue tube, turned into the chimney, to carry off the smoke. The top forms a hot plate, and in the several openings are inserted the cooking utensils. This stove is not only cheap in itself, but also economical in working, as it burns only a very small quantity of coal, coke, or compressed peat, while it thoroughly warms a moderate sized room.

In Mr. Thomas Waller's "fire contracting"

stove, to supersede loose cheeks, backs, &c., for reducing the size of a grate, he makes the cheeks movable on centers at the back of the grate by the mere insertion of the poker in a notch cast in them. He also provides fire brick bottoms, and admits the external air at an angle of 45° on to the top of the fire, thus consuming two-thirds of the smoke. A saving of from 40 to 50 per cent. in fuel is claimed on account of all these improvements.

Mr. W. Barton sent his improved Milner grates, with backs of fire clay for economizing heat and projecting it as much as possible into the room; and also his "circular front" cooking range, the fire box of which can be altered in size, and is provided with an ash grating to save the cinders.

Messrs. Brown and Green exhibited their "Gem" portable cooking stoves and kitchen ranges, and also their patent ventilating stoves, which are lined with fire-brick. They have a ventilator in the ash-hole door to regulate the combustion, and another near the top of the stove for the admission of a current of air, which passes over the fire into the flue, preventing any accumulation of gases and assisting to ventilate the room.

Mr. G. B. Sharpe sent his patent fire grate for preventing dust in a room. This is provided with a tin cover, which is put over it when it is off the hooks from which it is suspended, when it may be carried out of the room to be cleaned and relaid.

Messrs. C. & J. Reed, engineers, Brighton, exhibited the Wharfedale grate, which combines a warm air grill stove with an open fireplace. Instead of standing in a recess, this grate projects into the room; it consists of a cast iron fire box provided at the back and sides with gills, which increase the heating surface for warming the air in the chamber formed by an ornamental canopy. The cold air enters in any quantity that may be desired through interstices in the plinths and returns heated to the apartment through a perforation in the top of the canopy. The back is constructed of a form to facilitate the consumption of smoke; but for the small quantity that remains unconsumed an outlet is provided at the back by a nozzle, which is the only part that requires to be fixed, the rest being self-contained and merely standing against the wall.

Mr. G. Shrewsbury, among other stoves, sent his "Eclipse" gas range, which has an open fire, made by jets playing upon lumps of asbestos. The open fire, beside performing a variety of culinary operations, is made to heat the greater portion of a hot plate, which, however, is provided with a separate burner to make the whole of the top into a hot boiling surface. This maker claims that he can prevent the disagreeable smell usually noticed in gas stoves. Messrs. Sydney Leoni & Co. had a good show of their well known "Treasure" gas stoves and copper fronted cheerful fire-sides; and Messrs. Billing & Co. exhibited their gas stoves for heating and cooking. Mr. B. Looker sent specimens of his warming and ventilating gas stove, which is entirely composed of fire clay, and so arranged that the air becomes heated without coming in contact with the gas.

Warming and cooking by petroleum was represented by Messrs. Dietz & Co. with their "Paragon" heating stoves and "Climax" and "Perfect" cooking stoves, and also by Messrs. Wright & Butler with their cooking and heating stoves. Most of the petroleum and gas stoves were exhibited in action, a privilege not conceded to those heated by coal, on account of difficulties as to the insurance of the building.

We venture the opinion that one could buy, at any American stove store, a cheap second-class stove, which would do more work at less expense of time, fuel and trouble than any one of this extraordinary line of English "novelties." Set up in one of our manufacturer's ware rooms, this would look like Falstaff's recruits called up for inspection.

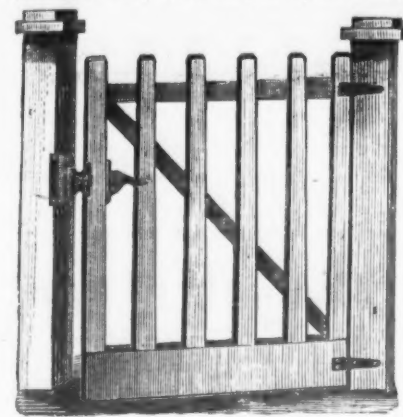
The Supreme Court of Iowa has recently rendered a decision on the following points of telegraph law, which will interest those who have frequent occasion to use the wires: 1. When a telegraph company is charged with sending a market report incorrectly, it will be presumed, in the absence of any evidence upon the subject, that the reports were correctly received by the company. 2. When such a company undertakes, without restriction upon its liability, to transmit such reports, the burden rests upon it to show that a mistake in the transmission occurred for reasons which would relieve it of liability. 3. When such company contracts to send market reports to be obtained by its agents, it undertakes to procure and send correct reports. 4. Where a telegraph company, under a contract to furnish market reports, advised a party that wheat was worth \$1.12½, whereupon such party advised the purchase of 5000 bushels, and his agent paid therefor \$1.50, which was the actual price, the court allowed damages at the rate of 28½ cents per bushel. 5. A telegraph company, contracting to furnish Chicago market reports to a wheat buyer in Iowa, is liable for damages resulting from the purchase of wheat by the dealer in Chicago, without notice that it was his intention to make such purchase.

The following is a rust cement for water and steam pipes: Make a stiff paste with 2 parts sal-ammoniac, 35 parts iron borings, 1 part sulphur and water, and drive it into the joint with a chisel; or, to 2 parts of sal-ammoniac and 1 part flowers of sulphur, add 60 parts of iron chips, and mix the whole with water to which one-sixth part vinegar or a little sulphuric acid is added. Another cement is made by mixing 100 parts of bright iron filings or fine chips or borings with 1 part powdered sal-ammoniac, and moistening with urine; when thus prepared, force it into the joint. It will prove serviceable under the action of fire. All the above parts are by weight.

*Abstract of an address by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt before the American Institute of Mining Engineers at the Washington meeting, Feb., 1876.

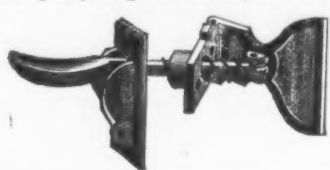
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Railways and the Iron Trade.

The Philadelphia *North American* says: The frequent expressions in England of gloom and despondency over the condition of the British iron trade invariably include some reference to our own country as the leading cause of it, by its vast progress in iron industries, its protective tariff, and the cessation of its railway building movement. But the London *Times* affords us proof that even yet the whole truth is not known in England. For that journal remarks that our producing capacity is nearly up to our requirements, whereas the fact is that our capacity is not only equal to but beyond our requirements. The *Times* seems to include in its measurement of us a permanent importation of foreign iron, and it is the continuance of this importation long after the extreme dulness of the market was as well known abroad as here, that has caused heavy losses both in England and America. In the effort to permanently disable our own industries by these continued shipments, the foreign dealers have inflicted enormous injury upon their own.

After the American crash of 1873 the English interests for a time kept up the show of prosperity by investments to an immense extent in railways in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, Canada and America, with the corresponding control of the supplies of railway iron. But in none of these cases have the investments been fortunate or profitable. Disaster has overtaken them all, and it is their accumulation that now stares the English iron interests in the face, while they are seeking to hold us solely responsible for their trouble. Bearing this in mind, the reader will be prepared to appreciate the reference of the *Times* to the reduction of our requirements by our inability to procure capital for any important extension of our railway system. As most of the demand for British railway iron was forced into the countries referred to by English investments of capital in railway securities, and these investments have been no more fortunate anywhere than here, we see already the indications of the return of the tide in the negotiation of several very large railway loans in England.

Whether we have enough or too many railroads does not seem to matter much, since in any event we seem to be fated to have a great many more. The question is whether the benefit shall inure to English or American capitalists, to English or American rolling mills. As our own production is steadily diminishing in the aggregate, while our possible productive capacity increases, it is not difficult to see that our neglect may again give the foreign interest the leading hand in the railway movement. In the two years of stagnation and discredit with which our railway system has been visited the foreign bond holders have secured their own interests by foreclosures and other arrangements, and now stand ready with a vast accumulation of idle capital, awaiting a favorable chance to open upon us again.

We cannot resist the conclusion that this opportunity is now close at hand, and that we are about to witness a new activity during the present centennial year. English trade is so dismal in its condition that an effort of some kind will be found necessary; and in no quarter of the world has English capital ever reaped such a rich harvest as in America. Our products have become so vast and valuable, and the average dividends of our railways are so regularly above those of England herself, that no English capitalist who looks at the magnitude of the Republic can be made to believe that we want no more railroads. And indeed it is, after all, a grave question for an American to decide. For though in the west the railways are in excess the results are prodigious,

we may say unparalleled. The proof exists that with an adequate supply of railroads America can produce any required amount of whatever may be deficient in Europe.

If all parts of the country are to be well supplied with railroads as the West, then the amount of work yet to be done far exceeds all that has been done. The railways to India do not pay, and it is doubtful if those in Russia ever will. But America is the paradise of railways, and sooner or later all lines are sure to pay. Here then is what is always before the English iron master, and the American merchant may judge for himself how much chance there is for an English iron dealer to give up such a market while there remains a ray of hope of holding on to it. As for the supply of capital, that is the bait with which the British iron trade fishes. Doubtless we can employ advantageously all the money we can borrow, even if it were ten times as much as our present foreign debt. But in the progress we have thus far made most of the capital has been domestic, and the foreign capital has played the minor part. As our iron trade persists in clinging only to the home market, and makes little if any effort to build up an export trade, it becomes important for those who undertake the management of it to consider whether, beside neglecting the foreign markets, they propose to wait until English capital takes the lead in starting the American railway movement again. We are confident that such will be the case if the present season goes past without some domestic movement. The croaking that has been going on for the past two years about our railway system has been carried to a far greater excess than the railroads ever were, and has been in striking contrast with the actual fact that in the aggregate our railroads have paid better dividends than the aggregate English railroads. Indeed, the business has stood the great revulsion remarkably well, and justifies all the investment in it, and would justify as much more. If we can take the lead now in the coming railway movement our own capitalists and iron interests will receive the benefit of it, and if we do not the profits will go to the foreigners. We do not stand in any need of foreign capital, but foreign capital stands in very great need of our investments. And the usual result is an increase of foreign debt.

Effect of Magnetism Upon Iron and Steel Structures.

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Bars and structures of iron and steel, when allowed to remain at rest a considerable time, acquire measurable magnetic polarity. Moderate percussion, alternations of heat and cold, exposure to the rays of the sun, especially with a long axis of figure parallel, or nearly coincident with a magnetic meridian of the earth, have a tendency to develop and strengthen magnetic polarity. Thus, iron bridges, iron vessels upon the stocks in progress of construction, and iron railway tracks are particularly liable to acquire magnetic polarity. It is asserted that the relative position of the long axis of iron ships with reference to the magnetic meridian materially affects their polarity and the facility of the correction of their compasses. If the keels of such vessels be laid on a north and south line, they are supposed to acquire greater polarity, and to retain it more steadily than when laid east and west. The evidence of an iron ship's polarity is exhibited to the greatest degree, by comparison of its effects upon its compasses when the vessel is sailing in an easterly or westerly direction.

A consideration of the following facts seems to favor the conclusion that magnetic bars of iron should be better able to resist tensile strain than those which are not magnetic.

A thoroughly magnetic bar is one of which each end repels a pole of a magnetic needle. The center of such a bar is neutral; that is, attracts either end of a magnetic needle and repels neither. If we break such a bar in half, we are possessed of two magnetic bars; that end of the original bar which attracted the south end of a magnetic needle continues to attract it, that which attracted the north end continues to do so, whilst the two new ends which had formed the neutral center of the original bar, each acquires a polarity opposite to the other, and also opposite to that possessed by its own opposite end. A continuance of this process, that is, the fracturing of each half until we have obtained such minute fragments of the bar as can be examined only under the microscope, still produces perfectly polarized bars, possessing all of the magnetic characteristics of the original bar, with varying attracting and repelling force, according to some ratio of the relative length and thickness of the fragments.

Arguing upon this we are led to the conclusion that a continuance of this process must produce molecular magnets. If we place magnetic bars in contact with each other, the north and south poles alternating and in contact with each other, we obtain a metallic chain of considerable strength, although its component parts are not mechanically connected together. The closer the contact of the ends of the bars the stronger will be the chain. If with isolated bars we can obtain a connecting force equal to many pounds by close contact, how much stronger must be the connecting force when exerted between molecule and molecule.

Such an argument, undoubtedly, leads to the conclusion that bars saturated with magnetic force should certainly be stronger than those that are not.

Faraday announced that "there existed lines of force within the magnet of the same nature as those without. What is more, they are exactly equal in amount with those without. They have a relation in direction to those without; in fact, are continuations of them, absolutely unchanged, in their nature."

To determine the effect of magnetic force upon the tensile strength of iron and steel, bars of each were selected and cut into suitable lengths for use in the breaking machine and numbered. Nos. 1, 3, 5, &c., were broken in the usual manner. Nos. 2, 4, 6, &c., whilst in the breaking machine were surrounded by a suitable coil of copper wire, through which a current of galvanic electricity was passed during the operation of breaking.

The results obtained from the magnetic steel bars were about 1 per cent. less than those obtained from the non-magnetic, and from the magnetic soft iron bars about 3 per cent. less than from the non-magnetic. Both the steel and iron bars became heated whilst within the influence of the current of electricity, the soft iron more so than the steel. It occurred to me that the depreciation of strength might have been caused by the rise of temperature in the bars, and I accordingly prepared permanent magnets from alternate sections of a steel bar and repeated the experiments, comparing the cold magnets with the unmagnetized sections of the same bar. The results showed no appreciable difference in strength between the magnetic and non-magnetic sections.

To test the matter still further, bars of steel were so magnetized as to present a pole at one end, the other in the middle of the bar, with one end neutral—that is, one end of the bar attracted the north or south pole by a magnetic needle and repelled the south or north, and the other end of the bar attracted either pole of a magnetic needle. Under these conditions, if there was any effect to be had from the influence of the magnetic force, the bar should incline to break, either at the central pole or at the neutral point between the poles.

The results of the experiments showed that there was no inclination to a choice of either location as the place of fracture. The conclusion arrived at is that the condition of magnetic polarity does not in any way influence the strength of steel bars. With reference to the soft iron bars the comparison was not made, for the reason that they would not remain magnetic unless surrounded by the galvanic coil, in which case they became heated by the action of the current.

How far a change from fibrous to crystalline structure is affected by the influence of magnetism has not been ascertained, or whether there is any deterioration of the strength of iron or steel on such account.

Iron telegraph wires in the course of time become brittle, and to such an extent that if the usual method of uniting them by winding each upon the other is attempted they are frequently broken in the process. From this it would appear that a passage of a strong galvanic current produces some molecular change affecting the strength of iron. Such conducting wires, however, are not necessarily, or even usually, magnetic. There can be no doubt, however, as to the deteriorating effect of galvanic force as an acceleration of oxidation or the solution of a metal.

Observations upon iron bridges and structures subjected to atmospheric influences, and upon boilers exposed to the action of heat and the chemical agents contained in ordinary waters, lead to the conclusion that galvanic force is usually as great, and frequently a far greater, cause of deterioration than mechanical wear. Indeed, all of the operations of nature, organic and inorganic, both constructive and destructive, involve the production of more or less galvanic force or are the results of its action.

Motion, unaccompanied by any other apparent change than that of place, is a disturber of electric or galvanic equilibrium, and the converse is equally true. If it were possible to produce perfectly pure and homogeneous iron, then the generation of destructive galvanic currents by the contact of sheets or bars would not take place.

By exercising care in the selection of iron, especially that used for steam boilers, the deterioration from galvanic action can be reduced to a minimum. Many steam boilers have come under my observation in which the corrosion was but slight, and affected all parts equally; others, in which the metal of a single sheet only was attacked, the corrosion of which sheet protected the remainder of the boiler almost as efficiently as if the sheet had been replaced by one of the metal zinc.

The most striking instance of the effect of introducing a sheet of metal of greatly differing electro-condition, that occurs to me, is that of a boiler which had been in use for a considerable length of time without showing any unusual tendency to corrosion, when from some cause it became necessary to replace a sheet by a new one. The result of the introduction of a new sheet was to set up at once a strong galvanic action, by which every sheet in the boiler was corroded except the new one. Samples of iron cut from the edges of the old and from the new sheets were placed in a bath to which a few drops of dilute acid were added, and a connection made with a galvanometer, resulting in the production of a new current; the purer iron corroding, and protecting that which contained the greatest amount of carbon. The inducing cause of the galvanic action was therefore judged to be the introduction of a sheet of iron electro-negative to those already in the boiler, its position in the electro-chemical scale depending upon the amount of carbon it contained.

The injurious effect consequent upon the junction of masses of wrought iron of varying

* The steel employed in the experiment was "Joseph's Round Machinery" one-half inch rod, and broke at maximum, 127,934 lbs.; minimum, 125,694 lbs., per square inch of section. The iron broke at maximum, 59,945 lbs.; minimum, 56,887 lbs., per square inch of section.

† For effects of temperature upon the tensile strength of iron, see Report of the Committee of the Franklin Institute, "Upon the strength of materials employed in the construction of steam boilers." Experiments made at the request of the Treasury Department of the United States (Jan. 4th, 1861; Jan. 5th, 1867).

electro-chemical property is, therefore, increased when steel is joined to wrought iron, as is frequently the case in locomotive boilers in the tubes and tube sheets. Again, by the junction of cast iron to steel or to wrought iron the destructive effect is greatly intensified, and at times becomes quite as violent as when copper is made an element in the galvanic circuit in connection with wrought iron.

The necessity for the selection of iron with reference to its electric condition, applies equally to the material employed for bridges, or vessels or boilers, or any structure which is to be built up from separate sheets and bars of iron. It is, or ought to be, the habit of careful constructors to cut sample pieces from every sheet of bar or metal worked, and to make a trial of their quality by bending hot and cold, and to make frequent tests of tensile strength. Examinations as to electro-chemical condition can be made with equal facility. Determinations of the composition of the metal or of the percentage of carbon in it by chemical analysis are unnecessary; an ordinary workman, furnished with a coarse galvanometer and a weak acid bath, can ascertain the exact electro-chemical condition of each sheet or bar more rapidly than he can examine the quality by the ordinary tests of bending on an anvil, hot and cold. With the metal of bridges, vessels, and especially steam boilers, the deterioration by corrosion is more to be feared than is mechanical wear.

Galvanic corrosion acts with greater vigor in locations that are usually inaccessible, such as the interior of joints or defective sheets or parts that are closely approximated, and the mischief is only suspected when it has progressed to such a degree as to become evidently dangerous, and the parts are in condition to require immediate attention and repair.

Attention to the precautions enumerated for securing mechanical and chemical fitness of the metal to be used for structures of iron, will undoubtedly promote economy and safety.

On the foregoing paper, Mr. Robert Briggs, editor of the *Journal of the Franklin Institute*, has made the following remarks: The first portion of the foregoing paper carries with it, in negative results, an antidote to the evil of promulgating an occult reason for strength or weakness of iron. Some of its statements are a little questionable; for instance, it may be doubted if a bar or structure of iron, pure and simple, acquires magnetic polarity, or rather, retains it under any circumstances. It is generally known that all the iron of commerce, or in use for structural purposes, is steely to some degree, and the extent of the nature of steel in the material is in some ratio a limit to its capability to assume permanent magnetism.

The effect of the position of a vessel with regard to the points of the compass, when in construction, has been thoroughly investigated and determined; the value of that effect, however, is so influenced by the dissimilarity of the plates or bars in proportions of carbon, and by differences in the application of force upon them, by hammering or in other ways, as to be very indefinite.

The reasoning that a magnetic bar should be stronger than one not magnetized, on a theory of internal subdivision, is somewhat wanting in logical force. It is difficult to comprehend how the attraction should multiply, except on the argument that two halves of a string are stronger than a whole one. If the law were good, the subdivision need go no farther than Joule's celebrated magnets, where a fragment of iron of one-half grain weight supported by attraction a quarter of a pound (or 3500 times its own weight). This proportion would add nearly 56 lbs. for each sixteenth of an inch in length of bar of one square inch section—11,000 lbs. per foot of length.

It is very certain that telegraph wires are not impaired in the least by the electric currents of service. Telegraph wire is hard drawn or rolled, and galvanized by a coating of zinc, and when laid at rest, without excessive tension, will last some unknown length of time. When strained from poles placed at great distances apart, contracted by the winter cold to the tension of a harp string, when the gentle zephyrs from the northwest have played on them for many months, when occasional loads of ice of eight or ten times their own weight have tested them—then the wire may be found to have become so brittle that it cannot be wound around its own diameter of 5-16 of an inch, with impunity.

But this part of the paper terminates very satisfactorily. Magnetism did not strengthen iron. It is the second portion, not so conclusively disposed of, that leaves behind a possible assumption of dangerous character. It is a serious mistake to admit as a popular utterance, that we must look to "galvanic (voltaic?) force" as the cause of deterioration of boilers, or of iron structures of any kind. It is very certain, that an electric current produced by a voltaic battery will decompose a solution of a salt, and cause a crystal to be formed at one pole, and a gas to be eliminated at the other. It is also certain, that two dissimilar metals, in a bath of acid, which from chemical affinity will attack either, will act by the destruction of the one for which the acid has the greatest affinity and a voltaic battery will be formed from which electrical currents can be taken. It may be admitted, that no deposition in crystalline form occurs without the agency or accompaniment of a current of electricity, and that no decomposition of metals by rusting is unattended by the development of a current. But the acid that destroys, and the salt that deposits, are precedent to, or coincident with the voltaic currents.

It is questionable, if at any temperature below the highest used in steam boilers, either iron or steel (iron with a small quantity of carbon in intimate but not chemical combination) will rust in pure water divested from oxygen. The acids requisite for the slow destruction of the boilers are supplied by the

presence of oxygen. The presence of oxygen by absorption in all water, and its evolution by heating of the water, beside the vegetable acids generally to be found in small quantities, the decomposition of chloride of sodium, to some degree, when salt water is used; and the fat acids derived from tallow and oil, when condensed water from the exhaust of an engine is pumped back; all these supply acid requisite for the slow destruction of a boiler. The carbonate and sulphate of lime, which form the bases of incrustations are to be found in most waters, and in great abundance in some.

A perfectly homogeneous condition in the electro-chemical state of all the material of the boiler might be a protection from rusting of any part, and prevent the establishment of electric currents and preclude incrustation, but the equilibrium would be excessively unstable; the difference of temperature would obviously disturb it, and the supposition, with our knowledge of the constituents of iron, either in the crude product or the finished material, is simply impossible. The effect of differences of heat on the electro-chemical condition of a piece of iron is quite equal to that proceeding from the presence or absence of small quantities of carbon. While the balance of evidence is that without free (possibly ozonized) oxygen in water, iron of any grade (not spongy) will not decompose at ordinary temperature; yet pure iron is acted upon with the greatest facility.

Pure iron, also, is nearly incapable of being worked in the furnace without burning up—as iron approaches purity it becomes workable without excessive waste only in Siemens furnaces, where the gas of combustion are free from oxygen—and pure iron has very little comparative tenacity and great ductility. Iron, on the other hand, with an almost imperceptible proportion of carbon (and possibly some other substances as substitutes), is tenacious, unyielding to near the point of rupture and suitable for boiler plates. With another small addition to the carbon, the iron becomes low steel, or so called homogeneous iron, of yet greater strength and suitability. With other ratios of carbon there is found steel not suited for boiler work by hardness, although the strength may be further increased. Imagine it to be feasible "for an ordinary workman with a coarse galvanometer and a weak acid bath," to select these qualities, the operation would be highly satisfactory if iron boiler plates were found in these four conditions solely. But there are other kinds of plates.

The exact place of the plates in their electro-chemical state does not detect the small increment of phosphorus or sulphur, and the iron may still be worthless. The remedy is simple: "Cut sample pieces for every sheet, bend them hot and cold, and make frequent tests of the tensile strength." Follow all these precautions and we shall have a great many professors and very few workmen, and our mechanics will go to less critical conditions.

We shall, without doubt, have acquired a degree of excellence not yet attained, and until other precautions are suggested, such as the disease of piled plates, because some have blisters, the use of drilled holes, because some punchings are imperfectly done and strain the sheet, &c., boiler making will have taken a step toward perfection.

In short, the improvement of boiler practice must move in the track already laid. Responsibility must urge upon the user of a boiler the necessity of excellence, and emulation must do the rest. The iron manufacturer will emulate to supply iron better suited, the workmen boilers better made, and the engineer boilers better planned. The scientific man can help them all, but he cannot make philosophers of them. The question now really open to consideration is either how to obtain water free from injurious substances, or else to allow such substances to act upon some material, zinc for instance, for the protection of the iron. When this is settled, the destructive "galvanic (voltaic?) force" will be found to have disappeared.

The Apotheosis of the Locomotive.

The following is the latest contribution of Walt Whitman to English literature. Those who see in his writings the scintillations of Homeric genius will find much to please them in these lines "to a locomotive in winter:"

Thou for my recitative!
Thou in the driving storm, even as now—the snow—the winter day declining;
Thou in thy panoply, thy measured dual throbbing, and thy heat convulsive;
Thy black cylindrical body, golden brass and silvery steel;
Thy ponderous axle bars, parallel and connecting rods, gyrating, shuddering at thy sides;
Thy metallic, now swelling pant and roar—now tapering in the distance;
Thy great protruding head-light, fixed in front;
Thy long, pale, floating vapor pennants, tinged with delicate purple;
Thy dense and murky clouds out-beiching from thy smoke stack;
Thy knitted frame—the springs and valves—the tremulous twinkle of thy wheels;
Thy train of cars behind, obedient, merrily following,
Through gale or calm, now swift, now slack, yet steadily careering;
Type of the modern! emblem of motion and power! pulse of the continent!
For once, come, serve the Muse; and merge in verse, even as here I see thee,
With storm and buffeting gusts of wind and falling snow;
By day, thy warning, ringing bell to sound its notes,
By night, thy silent signal lamps to swing.

Pierce-throated beauty!
Roll through by chant, with all thy lawless music! thy swinging lamps at night!
Thy piercing, madly whistled laughter! thy echoes, rousing all!
Law of thyself complete, thine own track firmly holding;
(No sweetest debonnaire of tearful harp or glib piano tune).
Thy trills of shrieks by rocks and hills return'd, Launched o'er the prairies wide—across the lakes, To the free skies, unpent, and glad, and strong.

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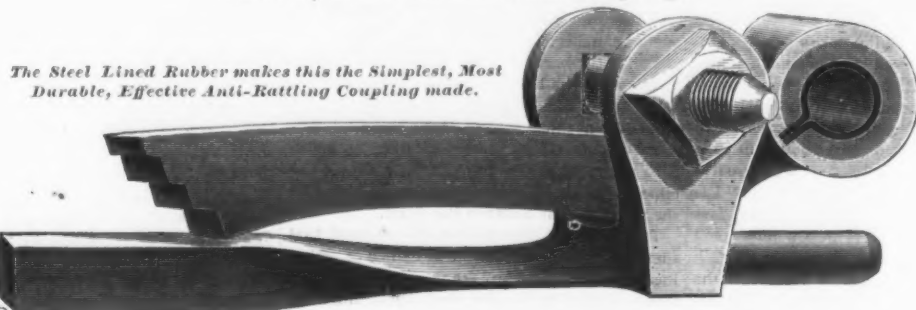
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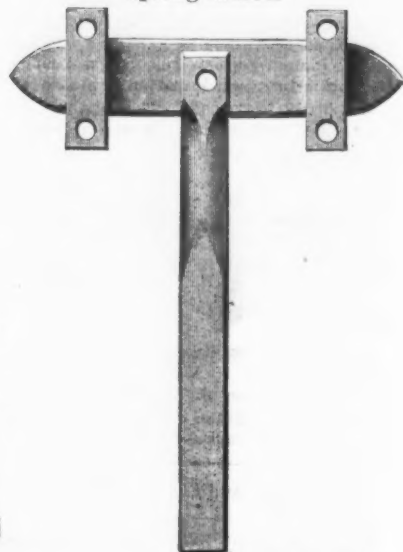


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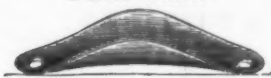


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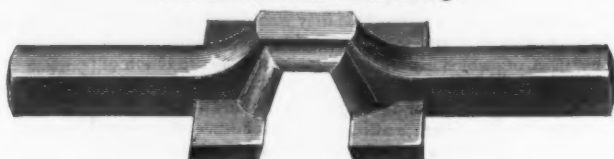
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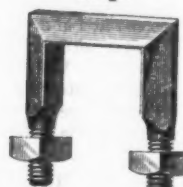
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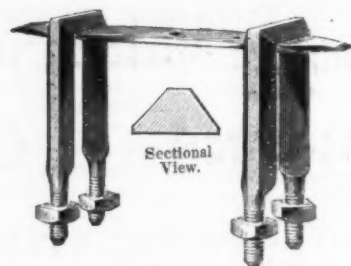
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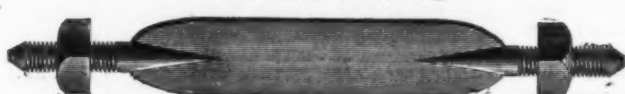


Philadelphia
Slat Iron.



Sectional
View.

"The Anvil" Axle Clip.



Spring Bar Clip.—Smith's Pattern.

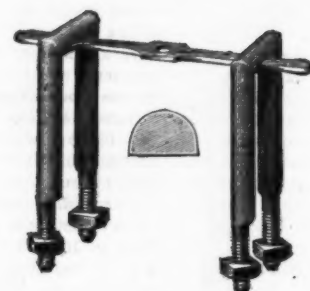
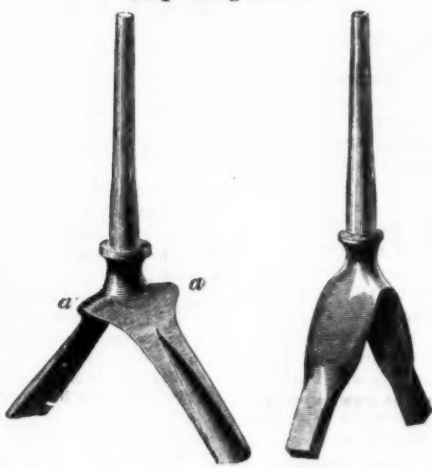


Fig. 2.

Smith's Milled Stump Joint.



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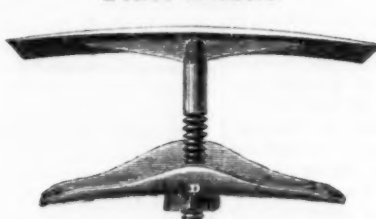
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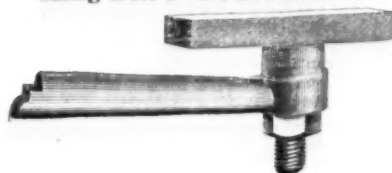
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The New England Mining Co., at Lisbon, has completed a mill for reducing gold from sulphureted ores, and has begun work.

MASSACHUSETTS.

J. T. Croft, iron works, Boston, is reported to have failed.

F. A. & A. M. Small, machinery, Boston, are reported to have failed.

The liabilities of J. H. Roberts, machinery, Boston, are \$48,000. An offer of 33 cents on the dollar is made.

The Florence Sewing Machine Co. made 5500 sewing machines and 40,000 pairs of skates in 1875.

The Sheffield foundries, at Florence, which have been closed for some time, will probably soon be started again, as outside parties are expected to take the matter in hand.

The Parker's Mills Nail Co.'s Works, at Wareham, which have been doing a large business, have shut down. They have 75 nail machines.

The American Watch Co., Waltham, have reduced wages 10 per cent.

The scythe works and farm of Henry S. Mansfield, Millville, have been sold at auction. Both were purchased by Augustus F. Lamb, of Providence. The scythe works were sold subject to a mortgage of \$17,900, and were bid off at \$11,500, or \$6400 less than the mortgage. The farm sold for \$6548, or \$1000 above a mortgage on it.

The wire works of J. R. & J. E. Prouty, two miles north of Spencer village, have been sold to the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, of Worcester, possession to be given April 1. It is understood that the business will be carried on by a joint stock company, of which Richard Sugden will own a controlling interest.

CONNECTICUT.

The Hartford Nickel Refining Company have commenced operations in that city. The company are the proprietors of an improved process of extracting nickel from the ore and refining it, producing a superior article of plates for nickel platers' use, as well as the grain nickel used for German silver and other alloys.

NEW YORK.

The puddle mill at Rome has shut down for a short time for repairs.

At Buffalo all the mills are at work: 8 inch and 10 inch universal mill, nail, plate and bar mill, and both nail factories. The horse nail factory is stopped. The malleable iron works is running all the time.

Morriso, Colwell & Page mill, at Cohoes, started up last week.

NEW JERSEY.

There is dug annually in Middlesex county clay to the value of \$1,000,000, which is used for fire brick, pottery, etc.

Prof. J. C. Smock has been steadily at work since last July in making the collection of minerals for the Centennial. Specimens have been collected from nearly 400 localities, over 100 of which are iron mines.

PENNSYLVANIA.

They have been swearing to the value of furnace property in Lancaster county. The St. Charles was valued at \$50,000. Eight acres of land and the Donegal Furnace at \$40,000 by one and \$50,000 by another. The furnace property in 3d Ward, Columbia, belonging to the Chestnut Hill Iron Co., at \$120,000.

Maxwell, Bradley & Co.'s Fire Brick Works, at Layton, have again resumed work, averaging 3000 bricks per day, most of which are shipped to Pittsburgh.

During week ending February 26th there were 386 cars of coke transferred at Everson's, from Mt. Pleasant Branch B. & O. R. R. to S. W. Penn R. R.

Eight furnaces in the Allentown Rolling Mill went into full operation last week. About 125 men will be employed, but how long work will be continued is not known.

The Greenville Iron Co. are running on barrel hoops for the Standard Oil Co., Cleveland.

The Lebanon R. I. & M. Co. at present engaged in the manufacture of pipe and other iron, turning out about 70 tons per week.

A knife is being made at the Beaver Falls Cutlery Co. for the Centennial. It will be 9 feet long, and upon it will be pictures of William Penn and Governor Hartman.

The new mill of the Glasgow Iron Company is fast approaching completion, and will be ready to go into operation in about two weeks. The machinery for this mill was made at the Scott Foundry, in this city, and is said to be finely finished.—Reading (Pa.) Times.

At the Western Iron Works, Sharon, the sheet mill has started on double turn. The iron made by the two furnaces is all used at the Westernman mills.

Hughes & Patterson, Philadelphia, are reported running double; Rowland, single; Gaubert, Morgan & Caskey, single; Pencoyd, double.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Fire was put in the Lucy Furnace on Wednesday last, and the blast applied Thursday at 10 p. m., getting the first cast Friday. The delay in putting on the blast was occasioned by low gas explosions, which blew out the heads of the gas fine. The furnace was out of blast about six weeks.

Anderson, Maxwell & Porter have received the contract for the iron work of the new building for the First National Bank building, of Allegheny.

Pittsburgh is afflicted with an elephant in the shape of a half constructed water works, the engines of which are known as the Lowry, an untried experiment on so large a scale. Messrs. Mackintosh, Hemphill & Co. have put in a bid to entirely modify the plan, put in two double condensing beam engines with a duty of 24,000,000 gallons each, and put the works in running order for \$750,000, and take the old machinery at \$150,000.

The Keystone Bridge Co. have received the contract for the Greenfield, Mass., Green River, Railroad Bridge at \$46,850. The company have received orders to proceed at once with work on the 150 and 300 feet spans of the new bridge for the Cincinnati Southern Railroad across the Ohio at Cincinnati.

The links for the cable of the new bridge at the Point, which is a suspension with link instead of iron cables, are to be made at the Pittsburgh Locomotive Works. Work was begun on them last week.

Isabella Furnace No. 1, 75x18, now in the fifth week of its present blast, is making 600 tons per week. During this blast not a single cast of hard iron has been made, nor a flush of black cinder. The furnace has seven 7 inch tuyeres, which have become too much for the work the owners desire the furnace to do, and they are blowing with five.

The Butler Citizen says: Messrs. Kirk & Dillworth have sold the greater part of their interest in the big gas wells, the Burns and Delwater, in this county, to prominent Pittsburgh manufacturers, who will commence digging trenches and laying pipes from the wells to the city as soon as the weather permits. The line will be over 30 miles long, and will consist of pipes six, eight and ten inches in diameter; the one-third of the line consisting of six inch pipe, being nearest the well, and the ten inch next to the city, which arrangement, it is said, will reduce the friction. The estimated cost of the new line is \$500,000.

The trouble with the rollers at Jones & Laughlins has been settled.

D. R. Porter, who has been in the pig metal business with his brother, J. W. Porter, has opened out for himself at No. 27 Wood street.

The Pennsylvania White Lead Works, formerly B. A. Fahnestock & Co., have sold the white lead branch of their business to C. F. Wells & Co., and will attend only to smelting lead ore.

Messrs. Harbison & Walker are making tuyeres for Bessemer converters 24 1/2 inches long, the largest ever made in this country.

During the past week 103 barges with 1,229,000 bushels of coal have left Pittsburgh for Cincinnati, and 53 barges with 571,000 bushels for Louisville. A bushel is 76 lbs.

The Charlotte Furnace, at Scottsdale, Pa., Messrs. Everson, Knapp & Co., is making 40 tons per day of strictly neutral iron from 1/4 Lake Superior and 3/4 native ore, using their own coke made from the run of the mine. The iron of this section are in good demand for mixture in making fine irons, such as hoops and sheets, and are taking the place of charcoal irons. They give these products a beautiful smooth finish.

Messrs. Ripley & Co.'s Glass Works resumed operations Monday. Messrs. Doyle & Co. have just started fires in their furnace, but it will require two weeks to get warmed up. Atterbury & Co. and Duncan & Co. are also running. Messrs. Adams Sons & Co. are running, using coal gas. The gas is made from slack costing two cents per bushel, and 180 bushels a day will run the works, two men only being required to act as "teasers." Using nut coal, the factories consume 250 bushels daily, and pay four cents per bushel for it, and it makes the work of the "teasers" trifling compared with the labor they now perform. The cost of construction is pretty heavy, but the firm is pleased with the success of the experiment, and will shortly have both furnaces running with gas fuel.

MARYLAND.

The rail mill of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, at Cumberland, is about to resume operations, a portion being already running.

The Abbott Iron Company, Baltimore, have started their rail mill on orders for new rails.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The muck rollers at the Top Mill, Wheeling, struck last week against a reduction of 10 cents per ton. They were receiving 70 cents. After an idleness of a day or two they went in at the reduction.

The Crescent Mill, Wheeling, is at work on sheet iron.

OHIO.

Lawrence Furnace, Ironton, blew out on the 1st, in consequence of the hearth giving out.

The Alice Furnace, Etna Iron Co., Ironton, has been out of blast a few days for want of coke. This seems to indicate that the Ferrie system is not working satisfactorily.

Hamden Furnace is the only one in blast in Vinton county; Cincinnati, Eagle, Hope and Richmond charcoal furnaces are the others. Vinton, stone coal, is also out.

Howard Furnace, Ironton, is in blast on stone coal.

There is prospect of a glass works being erected at Wellsville at an early day.

Center Furnace, Ironton, blew out on the 27th of February, and will not make another blast this year.

The chimney workers at the National Glass Works, Bellaire, struck on Wednesday last. The managers had notified the employees that, although the wages would remain the same as heretofore for a "move," the "move" would be increased from 300 to 330. To this the blowers objected, and the parties failing to come to an understanding, the bars were pulled.

The Hubbard Indicator says: Andrews & Hitchcock have disposed of all the iron on hand at their furnaces, and have orders sufficient to keep their works running full blast for some time to come. The same paper says there is also a certainty of the rolling mill starting up on or before the 1st of April.

Both the old and new mills at the Enterprise Iron Works, Youngstown, started up double turn last week. The works have run only single turn since Christmas. Prospects for spring trade good.

It is asserted that there is but little ore on

hand at Cleveland unsold, one statement placing it as low as 6000 to 8000 tons.

Both mills of the Union Iron Company, Cleveland, are running steadily, at an average rate of production.

The Lake Shore Mill, of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, has shut down for general repairs to the rail mills.

The Standard Iron Company, Cleveland, hope to start up early in March, although there is no certainty as yet as to their doing so.

The blooming mill and rod mill No. 3, of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, started up on last Wednesday. The puddling will be resumed on Thursday night.

The King Iron Bridge Company, Cleveland, are building a bridge 126 feet long at Santa Rosa, Cal. With the completion of this order they will have built a bridge in every state in the Union.

The Girard Furnace is in blast making over 400 tons per week.

The following is the industrial condition at Canton: Bolton, Meyers & Co.'s large steel works continue to run day and night, and yet fail to fill orders as promptly as they would like to. The Wrought Iron Bridge Company's works are running fourteen hours per day and will continue on that schedule. C. Aultman & Co., and Russell & Co. expect to turn out a larger number of agricultural machines than usual this summer. All other shops are running prosperously, except the Aldine Press Works, B. F. Renick & Co., who have gone into bankruptcy.

Ballard, Fast & Co., Canton, manufacturers of reaper and mower knives, saws, springs, etc., recently erected an addition to their works, 240 by 100 feet, containing fifteen shaping and heating furnaces and other apparatus, and machinery for the manufacture of carriage and wagon springs exclusively. This new addition gives employment to sixty men now, and the number will be soon increased to one hundred, as it is with difficulty they can keep up with their orders.

Two of the four Bessemer converters in the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company's Works have been replaced by Siemens' furnaces. The Columbus State Journal says that there is a proposition on foot to consolidate the two blast furnaces and rolling mill in that city, and turn the attention of the new enterprise to the manufacture of steel. The two blast furnaces of that city have been idle for some time and are likely to be idle for some time longer.

ILLINOIS.

Rockford has one of the three tack factories in the West. The others are Chess, Smythe & Co. Pittsburgh, and the Norway Tack Co., Wheeling. They have 50, 55 and 20 machines respectively.

It is stated that the Joseph H. Brown Iron and Steel Co., of South Chicago, whose works are in process of construction, have decided to add blast furnaces, a rail mill and a nail mill to their plant. A new rail factory is about to be started at Dunleith. The Pittsburgh Manufacturing Co. are making the machines.

KENTUCKY.

The Charlotte Furnace, Carter county, formerly the Iron Hills Furnace, is making from 17 to 18 tons of excellent warm blast foundry charcoal iron, running on the Lambert ore vein (from the Lambert and Wilson banks) exclusively, using 70 charges of iron from 1400 to 1500 pounds ore per 24 hours.

The Hunnewell Furnace is receiving 18 car loads of charcoal per day, from the forests near Hopewell Station on the Eastern Kentucky Railroad.

MISSOURI.

Out of ten steam coal furnaces in and around St. Louis, but two are in blast, and it is reported that both of these are to blow out soon.

Both bar mills at St. Louis are in operation, as well as the Bolt and Iron Co. and the Rail Fastening Co.

The Vulcan Iron Co.'s mill has been stopped for a couple of weeks for repairs, not having stopped Jan. 1st.

Of ten charcoal furnaces in Missouri but one is in blast. The new Bessemer works of the Vulcan Iron Co. are rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready to start about April 15.

MICHIGAN.

The dam in the Sault Canal has burst, and communication between Lakes Michigan and Superior, by this route, will be obstructed until the middle of June.

TENNESSEE.

Five tons of red hematite iron ore, from the new "Brown" bank, near White's Creek, came in on the steamer Wilder night before last, for trial by the Chattanooga Iron Company. This ore appears very rich, and the thickness of the vein makes it valuable and easily handled for shipment, the mouth of the bank being within ten rods of the bank of the Tennessee River, and elevated enough to shoot the ore directly into barges.—Commercial.

The Springfield (Mass.) Water Commissioners have a machine that looks like a half-grown fire engine, which is intended to thaw out hydrants, water pipes, sewer drains and whatever else is liable to freeze, and which consists simply of a boiler with a fire-box for generating steam, with connections for small hose, the whole on a light running gear. It is found possible with this machine to work through 5 or 6 feet of frozen ground in an incredibly short space of time. The water now bank the fire department over \$500 last winter for thawing out the hydrants.

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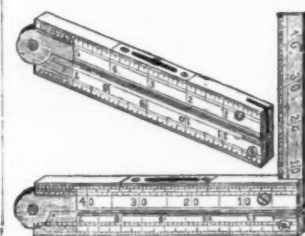
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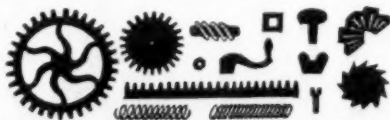
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Fig. 1.

no means the most comfortable or easy way of accomplishing the desired result.

In the Empire forges, by the Empire Portable Forge Co., Troy, N. Y., the bellows is supplanted by a rotary blower driven by gearing. Power is applied to the gearing by means of a lever, from which a connecting and a crank transfers power to the first wheel of the gearing. The motion of this lever is like that of the bellows lever, or of a pump handle. The

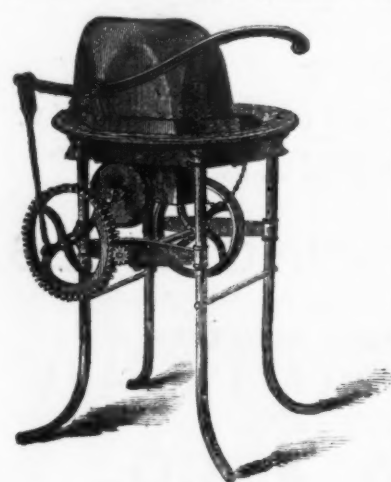


Fig. 2.

company make a great variety of these forges to suit all kinds of work. There are at present on their list some 25 different varieties.

Figure 1 represents one of their latest patterns, "No. 12," a cheap, small forge combining all the essential features of the larger sizes. It has a capacity for welding 3 inch iron. These are designed for all sorts of light work, repairing and the like in machine shops. They weigh only 50 lbs., and are easily carried about for rivet work. The next size is No. 10.

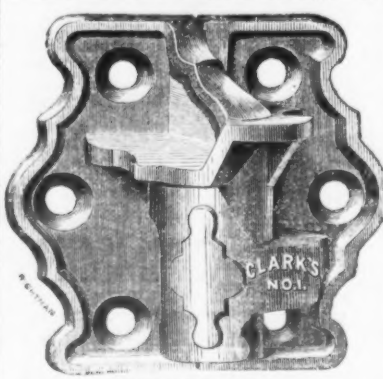


Fig. 3.

This has wrought iron legs, and is especially adapted to the use of miners, quarrymen and similar work. This machine is shown in Fig. 2. As these forges are constructed entirely of metal, they stand exposure to the weather without injury, lasting well whether out doors or inside. The No. 11 forge, shown in Fig. 3, is considered by the manufacturers as being a little ahead of anything in this line. This has a hood with doors for shop use. A pipe is attached on, and this forge can be used with as great safety from fire as a common stove. A large number of these are used in mills and machine shops. This size is shown driven by friction gearing instead of toothed wheels. This style can be arranged to run by power, but they can, at the same time, be instantaneously disconnected and run by hand. This pattern is in use in a great many of the U. S. Navy Yards.

Clark's Improved Blind Hinge.

In this device both the upper and lower hinges are alike. The hinge is cast complete in two parts. When open the blinds are held parallel with the house and not against it. The manufacturers claim that these hinges will not allow the blind to rattle nor close by the wind. In lifting the blind to unlock the hinge a stop



Patented Nov. 30, 1864.
New Locking Device, patented Oct. 27, 1874.
Trade Mark "Gravity Locking Blind Hinge," registered Aug. 31, 1875.
Design, patented Jan. 11th, 1876.

prevents the hinge from coming apart. When dropped into place, the shape of the pin is such that it cannot turn. These points can readily be seen upon an inspection of the hinge, but are not easily described. Clark's blind hinge is manufactured only by Clark & Co., of Buffalo, New York.

The Loyalty of Labor.

We mention, in another place, the suspension of Messrs. Zug & Co., of Pittsburgh, and only refer to it again for the purpose of commending the action of their workmen, which is one of those spontaneous outbursts that show that there is still an under stratum of good feeling and kindly regard between labor and capital under all the passion of conflict and strife.

Last Saturday was the regular semi-monthly pay day at Messrs. Zug & Co's mill, and when the three hundred employees quit work they were informed by the proprietors that they were unable to pay them the two weeks wages due them. The men, who understood the situation, organized a meeting and appointed committees from the different classes employed at the mill to wait on the proprietors and ascertain the prospects of the firm for resumption.

Mr. Zug stated the case, ascribing the immediate cause of his suspension to endorsing for his son-in-law. He did not know how affairs would turn out, but he hoped to be able to secure an extension, in which case he believed they would weather the storm.

The committee then returned to the meeting of the employees, and upon making their report, the following was adopted unanimously: WHEREAS, The firm of Zug & Co. have been compelled to suspend owing to financial difficulties, brought about by the present unfortunate condition of trade. Therefore be it Resolved, That we extend to Messrs. C. and C. H. Zug, comprising said firm, our heartfelt sympathies in this hour of their misfortune. That appreciating their past kindness, we feel it incumbent on us to offer the labor of our hands at one-half the usual compensation for the period of three months or longer, if such action on our part will assist them, and trust that those having it in their power will extend to them that assistance which they merit as men of honesty and integrity.

On Saturday last the Woodward Steam Pump Manufacturing Company, of No. 81 Centre street, N. Y., made an assignment to William T. Francis. This company received an extension of one and two years from its creditors last March, and now, finding itself unable to meet its engagements, has considered it the better course to pursue to make an assignment. The officers of the company, who are now engaged in the work of making up a statement of their affairs, hope to make such arrangements as will permit them to continue.

Special Notices.

Wanted.

some manufacturer to buy the patent of the IMPROVED SMOOTHING IRON described on page 5, issue January 30, 1876, No. 3, Vol. XVI. of The Iron Age, or to make the same on royalty. Address R. H. HASENREITER, Herman, Mo.

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The most improved Horse Nail Machinery. Parties manufacturing the same will please

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THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a Co-partnership under the firm name and style of DANIEL W. RICHARDS & CO., for the purpose of transacting an importing and general Iron and Metal business, 88 to 104 Mangin Street.

DANIEL W. RICHARDS, MORTON B. SMITH, EDWARD HILL. New York, March 1, 1876.

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The Sale is Peremptory.

Catalogues will be issued at as early a date as possible.

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All bills over \$500 a credit of three months will be given on approved paper, with interest added at the rate of seven per cent. per annum; under \$500, cash.

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The undersigned has assumed the Personal Property, including accounts, finished and unfinished Machinery, good will &c., connected with the manufacture of Machinery Tools as conducted by Mr. Lucius W. Pond since 1847, and will continue the said business at the old stand, cor. Union and Exchange Sts., Worcester, Mass., under the name of DAVID W. POND, Successor to LUCIUS W. POND.

CARD.—Having assumed the business mentioned above, I solicit Inquiry and Patronage, with guarantee that present standard of Workmanship, and quality of Machinery shall be maintained. A large quantity of New and Second-Hand TOOLS, ALL SIZES, For Sale at Low Prices. Send for list of second-hand tools. Store at 98 Liberty St., New York, will be discontinued from Feb. 1, 1876, and all sales made from manufactory.

Respectfully,

DAVID W. POND,

Successor to LUCIUS W. POND.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP

The firm of McClerman & Hymes is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the firm will be liquidated by M. McClerman alone, No. 180 Liberty Street.

M. McCLERMAN,

New York, Jan. 20, 1876. D. HYMES.

For Sale, &c.

Mortgage Sale of Charcoal Furnaces, also 1700 tons of charcoal pig metal, good car wheel and Bessemer pig iron, according to grades (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) to be sold at auction, March 15th, 1876, 10 o'clock, a. m., on premises, at Port Leyden, Lewis Co., New York. The property consists of 2 stacks, 9 feet high, one in complete working order; will make 10 tons each per day. Water power (about 800 horse), 18 acres in furnace lot in fee (on which are furnaces, tank and machinery houses, coal sheds, office building, large boarding house for laborers, and four other houses for families; also large mine of magnetic ore on same plot; also, 1000 acres of wood land in fee, hardwood on 300 acres adjoining land, 50 cents an acre royalty. Charcoal iron can be made at these furnaces now for less than a ton. Large quantities of iron made by these furnaces have been sold to and used by leading car wheel and other manufacturers with perfect satisfaction. Your attention is particularly called to the sale of both furnaces, pig iron and materials, 25,000 bushels of charcoal, tools, etc. The furnace could be put in blast in 30 days. The Utica and Black River Railroad and Black River Canal pass within a few hundred yards of the furnace. The iron will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

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Valuable Iron Property.

The Rolling Mill, Nail Factory, Blast Furnace, Ores, Land, &c., of the Hollidaysburg and Gap Iron Works, formerly known as the Juniata Iron Co., at Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pa., are offered for sale separately or as a whole. Terms easy.

If not sold or otherwise disposed of prior, the entire property will be offered at Public Sale at the American House, in Hollidaysburg, Wednesday, March 16, 1876, 11 o'clock A. M.

No more desirable property in the market. For further information, address,

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Hollidaysburg, Pa.

FEBRUARY 7, 1876.

AT FURNACE SITE,

On the 23d Mar. 1876, at 12 o'clock, Noon.

FOR SALE at Public Auction

The Napanock Blast Furnace Property.

Description of the furnace is about as follows: Height of stack 6 feet high, and 12 feet high, built of stone to top of bush, thence up of brick, lined with heavy iron; lining is of fire brick 30 inches thick. Hearth and bosh are of fire brick. Tunnel head is 6 feet diameter. Hot blast was erected by Mr. McIlwain, of Reading, Pa.; is first-class, almost new. The power is of water, said to be of double the capacity; one of the best water powers in the State. Wheel is over-shot, 36 feet diameter 6 1/2 feet face. Capacity of furnace 20 tons Anthracite iron or 15 tons of charcoal iron. Woodland is abundant, from \$20 to \$25 per acre, for many years. Ores by railroad or by Delaware and Hudson Canal, which passes Napanock, which is a thriving place, two miles from Ellenville, Ulster Co., New York.

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Trade Report.

Office of The Iron Age,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 8, 1876.

The past week has been one of considerable speculative excitement in Wall street. The value of railway stocks has been well maintained. "Miscellaneous" stocks have declined heavily. The money market has been very easy, borrowers on call having been accommodated at 2½ @ 4 per cent., and sellers of prime business paper having very little difficulty in getting discounts at 4½ @ 5 per cent.

The gold market has been unsettled, although the fluctuations in the premium have been between 114½ and 115. The following shows the highest and lowest daily quotations on the gold room bulletin since our last report:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.....	114½	114½
Friday.....	115	114½
Saturday.....	114½	114½
Sunday.....	114½	114½
Tuesday.....	114½	114½
Wednesday.....	114½	114½

Government bonds are dull and without important feature. Rumors were circulated in London that the credit of the Government was affected by the Belknap disclosures, and the suspicion which rests upon nearly all departments of the government, but those did not cause any decline in the prices of American securities. Railroad mortgages are firm, and there is a moderately active demand for all classes of investment securities. We give below the prices of government bonds in this market at the close of business to-day.

In the stock market everything has suffered decline during the early part of the week, and railway shares were the only ones to recover. The principal dealings have been in Pacific Mail, which suffered heavily from the announcement that an opposition line had been started on the Pacific, and Western Union—which suffered from the active competition of other telegraph companies—Lake Shore, Erie, St. Paul, Northwest and other railway stocks. We give below the quotations of active shares at the close of business to-day.

The bank statement showed a decrease in surplus reserve of \$564,750, it now amounting to \$13,040,300. There was a gain of \$1,995,400 specie, which can be explained by the heavy coin disbursement of the Treasury for called 5-20 bonds, and, since the last instant, for interest on the public debt. There was a decrease of \$2,067,900 in legal tender notes which was not clearly explainable. The present method of making up the bank statements on averages for the week does not give a clear idea of the actual condition at the end of the week; and, as we have often urged, should be supplemented with a statement showing the actual amount of loans, specie, legal tenders, deposits, circulation, and even national bank notes, at the beginning of business Saturday morning, the end of the bank week being the close of business Friday. The following is a comparison of the bank averages for the past two weeks:

	Feb. 26.	March 4.	Differences.
Loans.....	\$38,480,000	\$37,103,800	Inc. \$1,376,200
Specie.....	30,006,000	32,001,600	Inc. 1,995,600
Legal tenders.....	49,013,100	46,945,500	Dec. 2,067,600
Deposits.....	221,337,400	226,428,400	Inc. 5,091,000
Circulation.....	17,022,000	16,832,500	Dec. 189,500

The following table shows the foreign trade movements for the week:

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Total for week.....	\$5,643,543	\$5,819,856	\$6,630,634
Prev. reported.....	62,042,909	56,000,083	53,764,883

Since Jan. 1..... \$70,686,452 \$66,819,911 \$50,401,837

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quant.	Value.
Anvils.....	66	\$571
Brass goods.....	47	5,606
Bismuth.....	4	1,551
Bronzes.....	7	2,679
Chains and anchors.....	110	5,448
Copper.....	80	113
Cutlery.....	29	29,969
Gins.....	15	3,547
Hardware.....	12	1,249
Iron, pig, tons.....	310	5,509
Iron, sheet, tons.....	6	656
Iron, other, tons.....	369	20,915
Lead, pigs.....	1,000	6,090
Metal goods.....	113	17,468
Nails.....	7	1,191
Old metal.....	26	6,143
Per caps.....	8	1,003
Saddlery.....	22	725
Steel.....	207	10,030
Tin, 200 lbs.....	14,231	83,238
Tin, 50 lbs.....	508,611	91,175
Wire.....	1308	10,591

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Total for week.....	\$5,339,161	\$5,248,000	\$5,840,840
Prev. reported.....	47,412,349	39,361,336	42,146,919

Since Jan. 1..... \$52,750,510 \$44,603,336 \$47,375,759

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Total for week.....	\$11,432	\$11,432	\$11,432
Previously reported.....	571,408	571,408	571,408

Total since Jan. 1, 1876..... \$58,890

Same time in 1875..... 2,421,692

Same time in 1874..... 1,091,677

Same time in 1873..... 219,007

Same time in 1872..... 378,113

Government bonds at the close were firm at the following quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6s.....	126½	127
U. S. 6s 1881, reg.....	122½	123
U. S. 6s 1881, cou.....	123	123½
U. S. 5-20 1880, reg.....	118½	119
U. S. 5-20 1880, cou.....	118½	119
U. S. 5-20 1880, new reg.....	119½	120
U. S. 5-20 1880, cou.....	119½	120
U. S. 5-20 1880, reg.....	121½	122
U. S. 5-20 1880, cou.....	121½	122
U. S. 10-40 reg.....	118½	119
U. S. 10-40 cou.....	118½	119
U. S. 6s 1881, reg.....	118½	119
U. S. 6s 1881, cou.....	118½	119

The following are the closing quotations of active shares:

	Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic & Pacific R. R. Preferred.....	4½	4½
Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph.....	19	20
Chicago & Northwestern.....	43½	43½
Chicago & Rock Island.....	43½	43½
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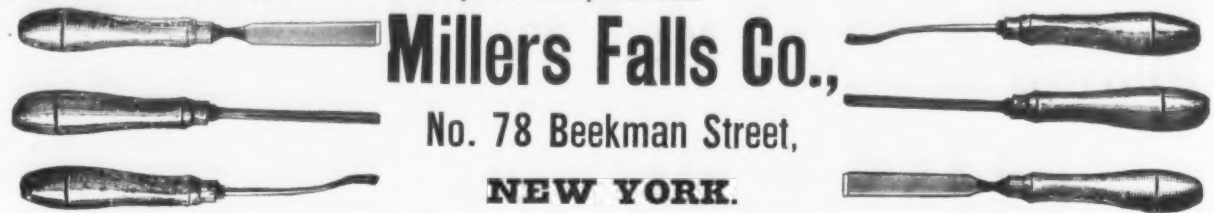
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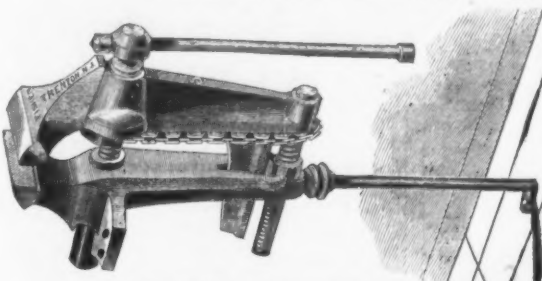


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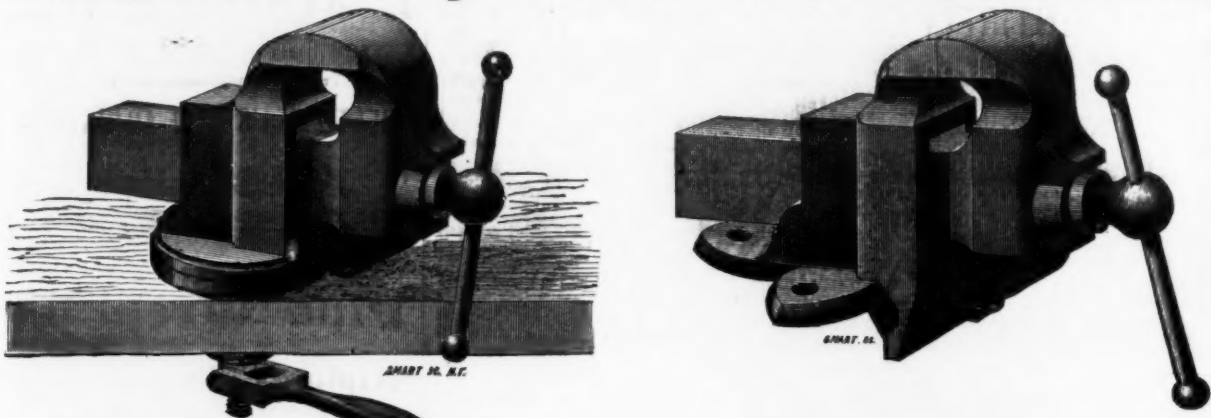
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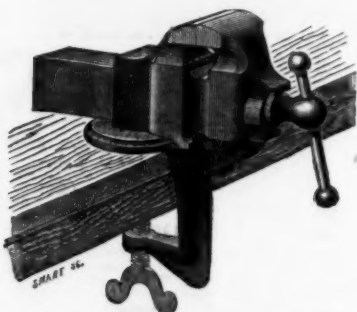
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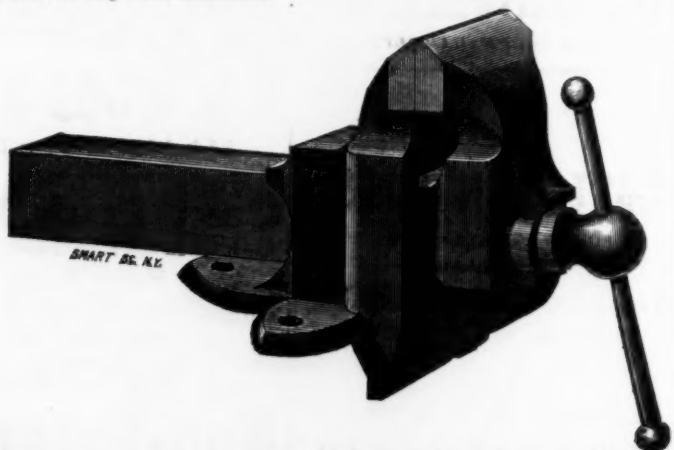
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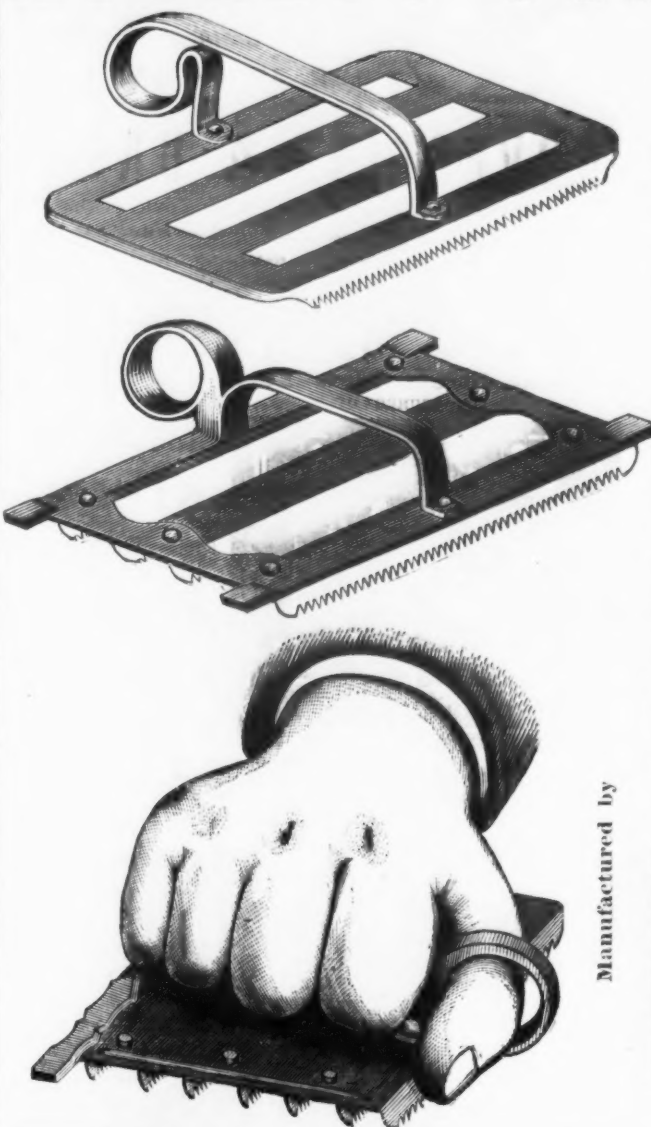
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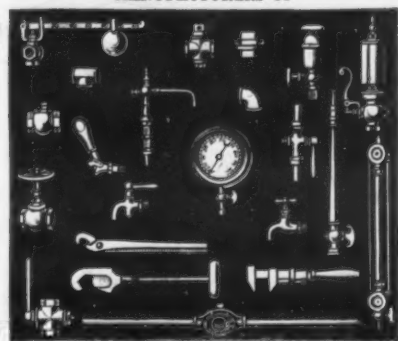


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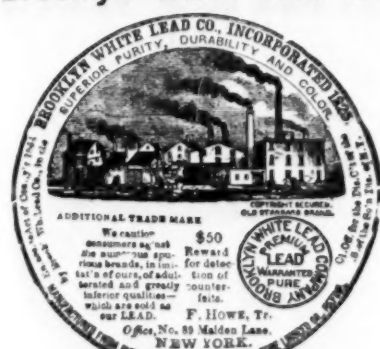
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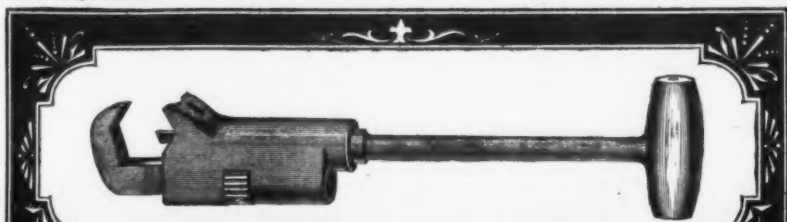
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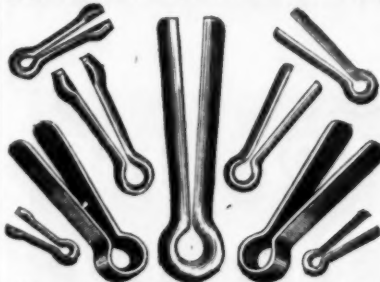
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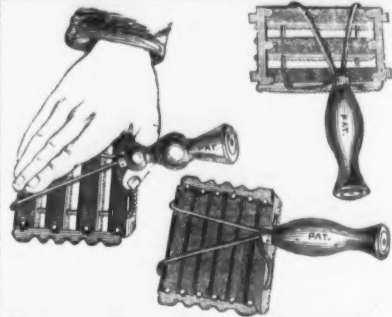
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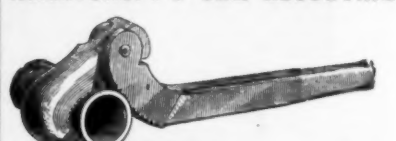
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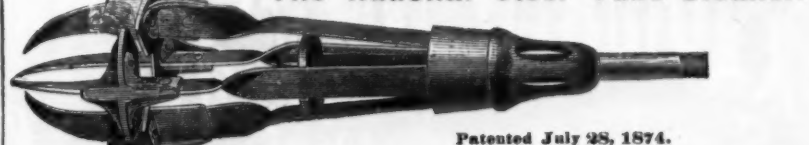
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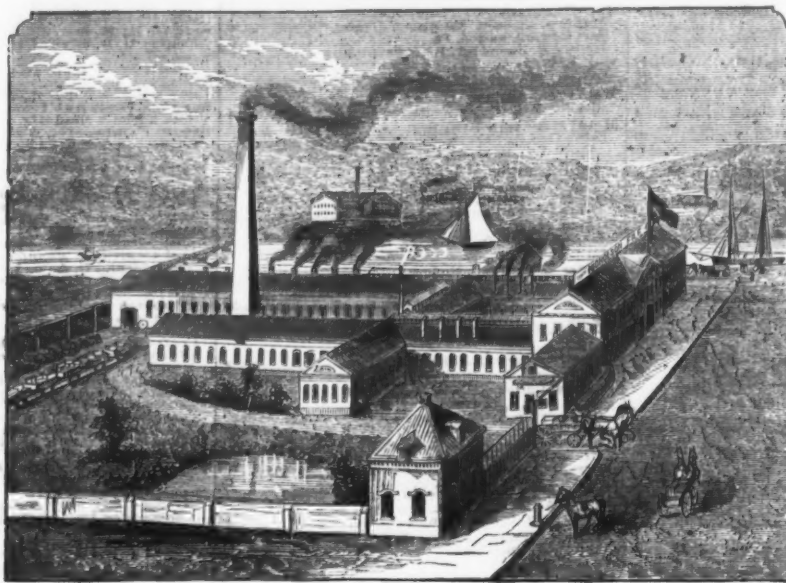
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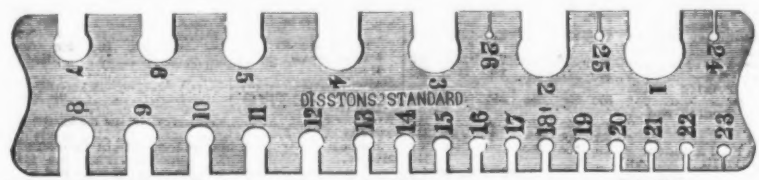
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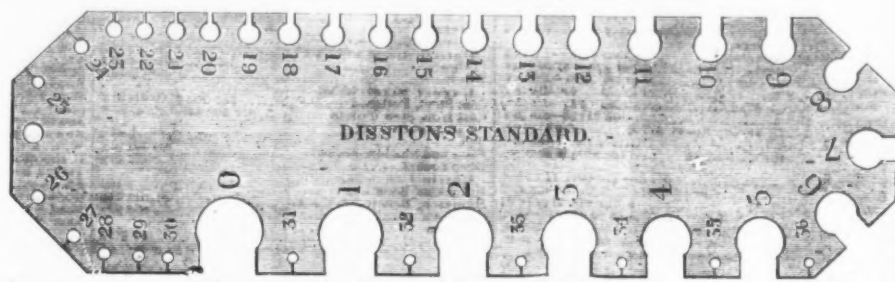
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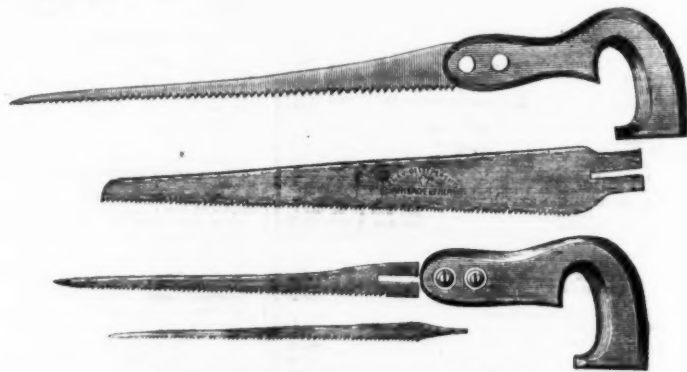
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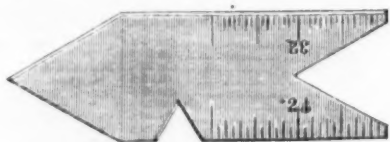
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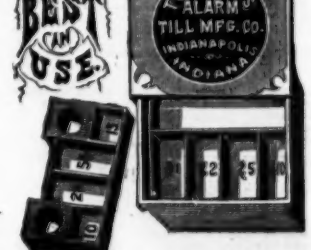
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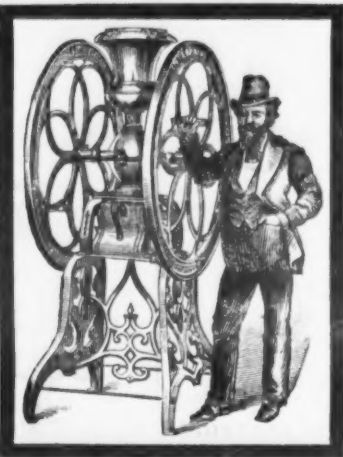
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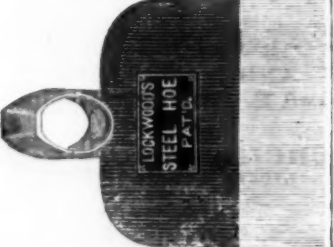
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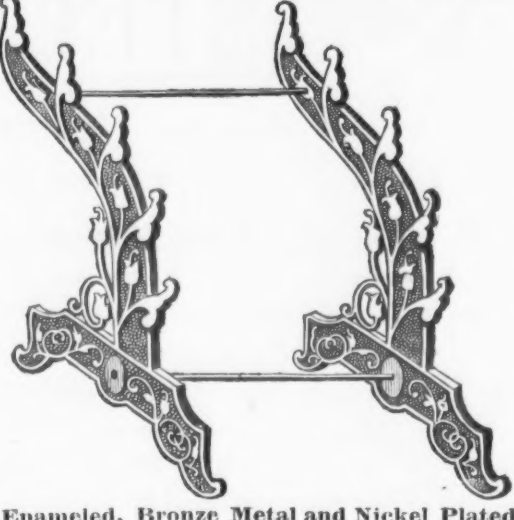
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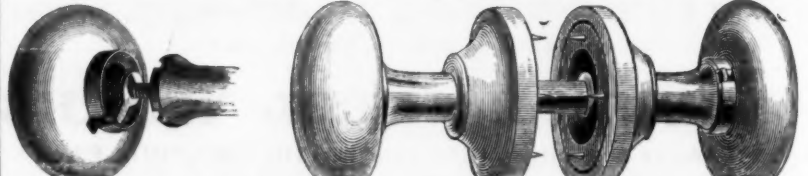
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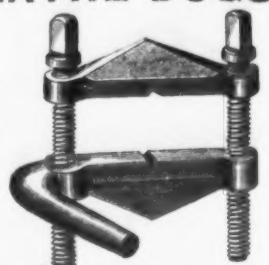
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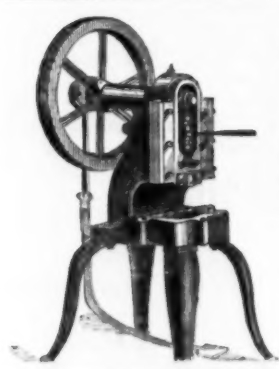
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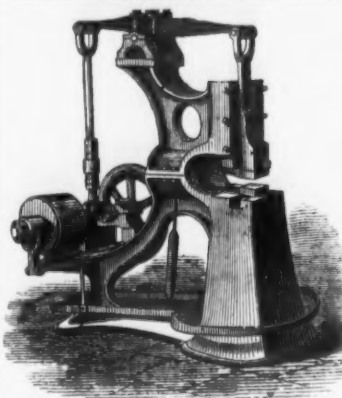
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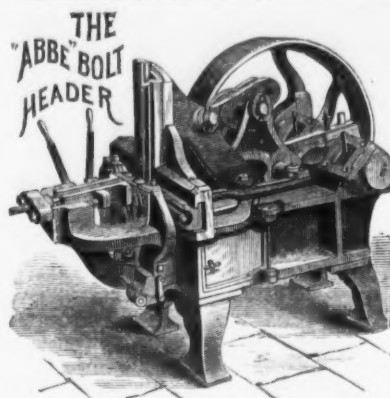
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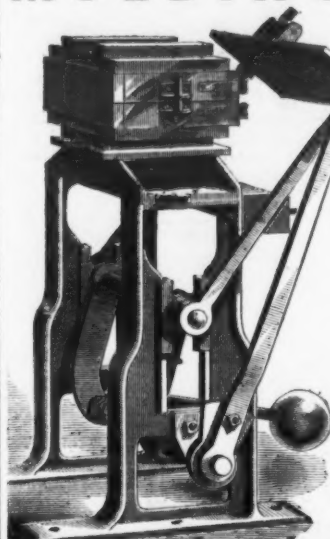
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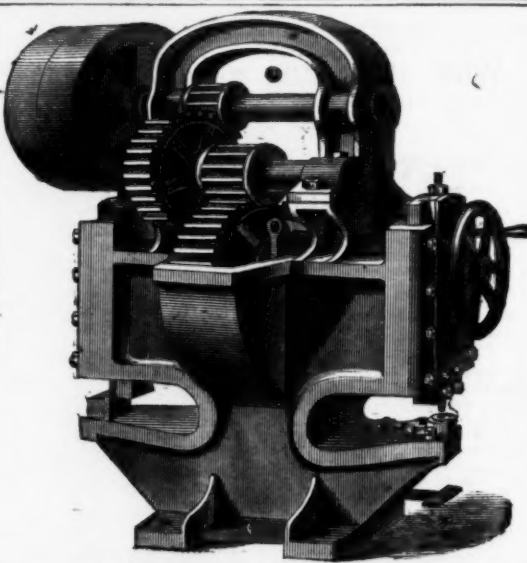
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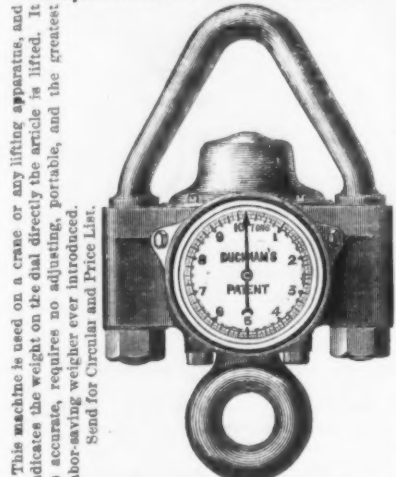
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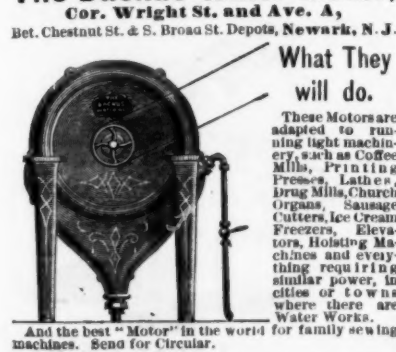
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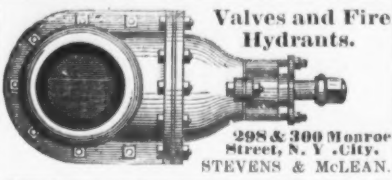
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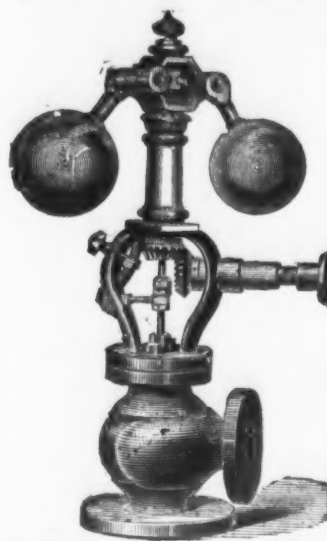
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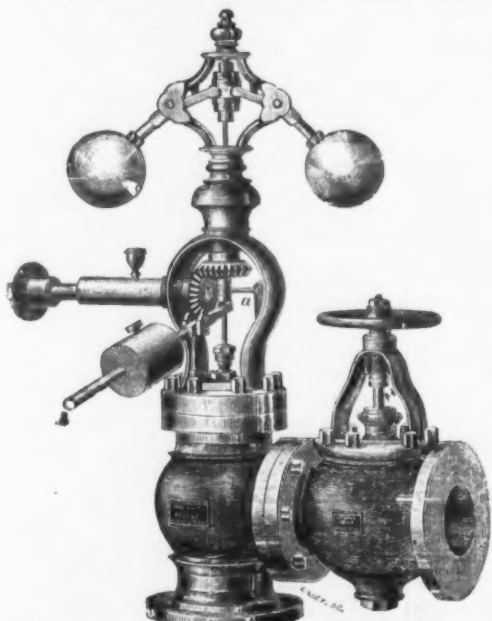
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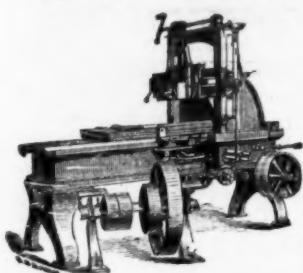
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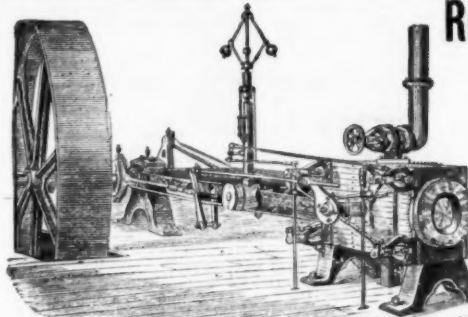
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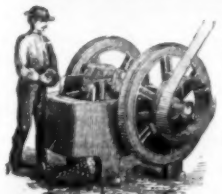
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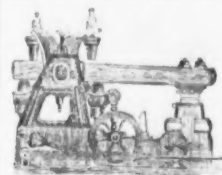
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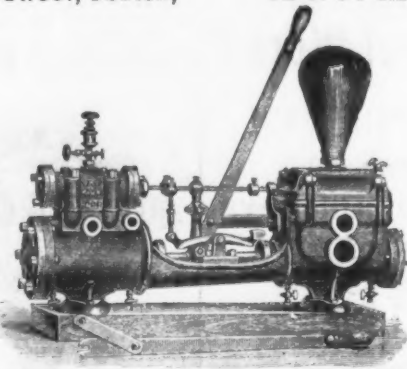
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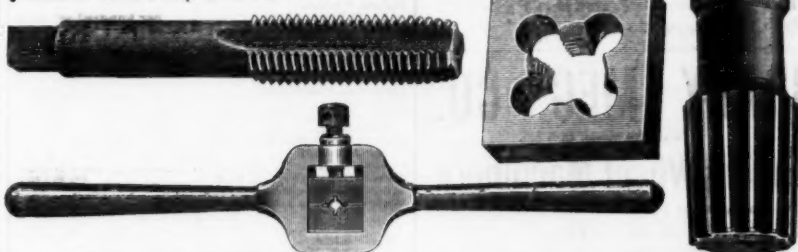
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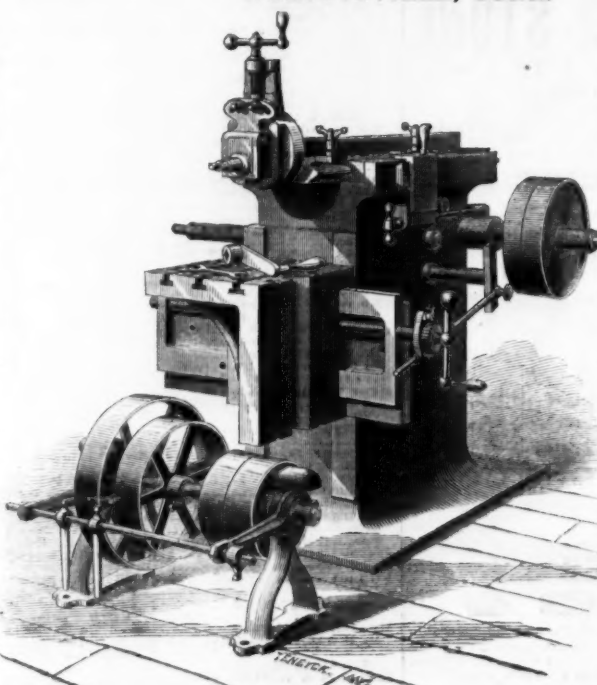
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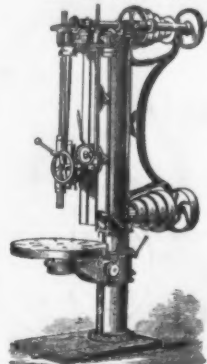


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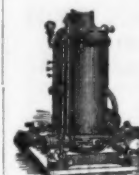
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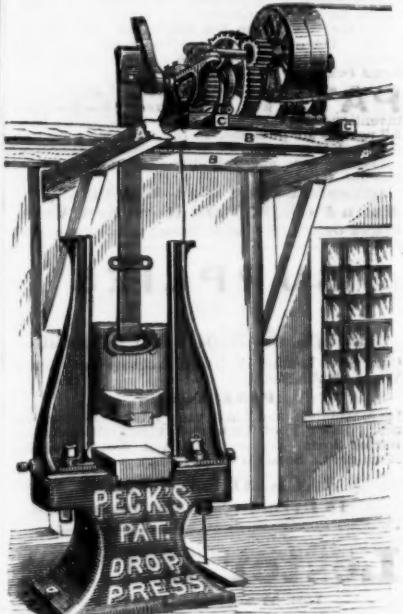
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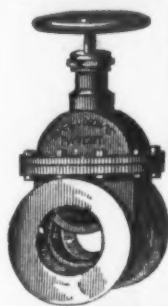
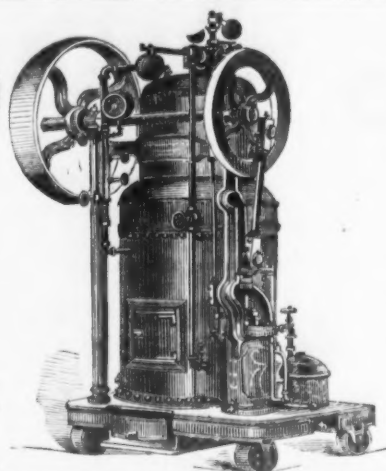
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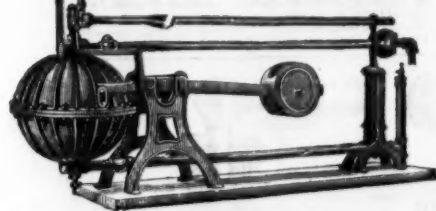
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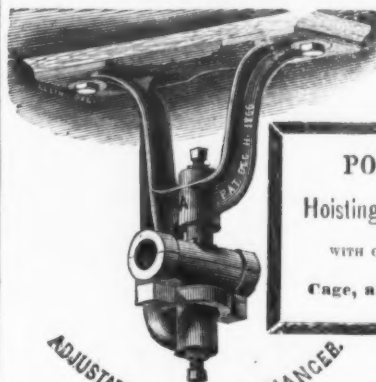
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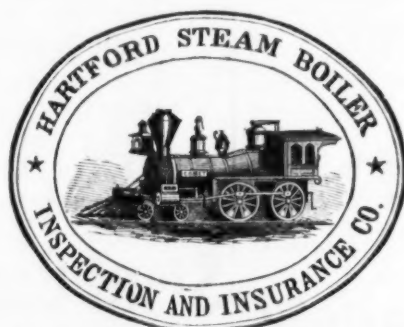
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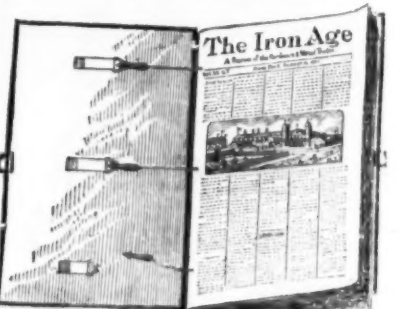
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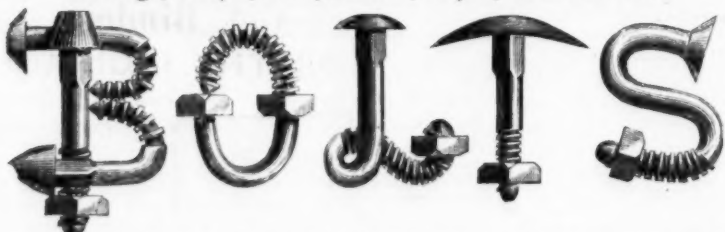
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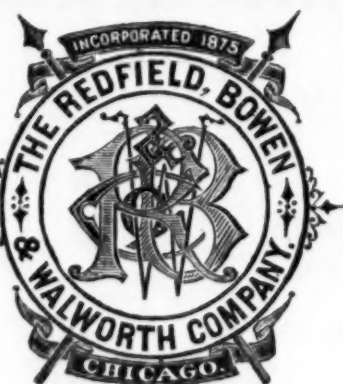
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